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Town of Rome, Maine

2017 Annual Report



(Do not include- inside front cover should be 'Important Dates')

IMPORTANT DATES

January 1, 2018	Municipal fiscal year begins
February 1, 2018	Dog licenses become <u>overdue</u> . If dogs are not registered by this date, a \$25 late fee will be assessed
March 9, 2018	Municipal election of officers and referendum, 12:00 – 8:00PM, Community Center
March 10, 2018	Annual Town Meeting, 10:00AM, Community Center
April 1, 2018	List of all personal property or real estate must be reported to the Assessor, per Maine statute. Applications for any exemption must be received in writing by the assessor
June 12, 2018	Primary & Referendum Voting, RSU 18 School Budget Referendum, 8:00AM – 8:00PM, Community Center
June 30, 2018	All ATV & Snowmobile registrations expire
October 15, 2018	2018 Dog licenses are available with the Town Clerk
November 1, 2018	All 2018 taxes are due; interest accrues from this date, only to be changed by a vote of the Town
November 6, 2018	Election Day, Polls open 8:00AM – 8:00PM, Rome Community Center
December 31, 2018	All Boat & Hunting/Fishing Licenses expire 2018 dog and kennel licenses expire

2018 MAINE GOVERNMENT HOLIDAYS

January 1 (Mon) - New Year's Day	September 3 (Mon) - Labor Day
January 15 (Mon) - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	October 8 (Mon) - Columbus Day
February 19 (Mon) – Presidents Day	November 12 (Mon) - Veterans Day, obsv
April 16 (Mon) - Patriots Day	November 22 (Thurs) - Thanksgiving Day
May 28 (Mon) - Memorial Day	December 25 (Tues) - Christmas Day
July 4 (Weds) - Independence Day	

**ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS
OF
ROME, MAINE**



FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017

*PLEASE BRING THIS REPORT
TO TOWN MEETING ON
SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2018*

Cover photo: Travis Mills Foundation, Maine Chance Lodge, Watson Pond Rd., Rome

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The 2017 Town Report is dedicated to

PETER SCHULTZ



Peter Schultz was born September 15, 1945, in Summit, New Jersey to Norman and Jane Schultz. The second of three sons, each born eight years apart, Peter has an older brother (and fellow Rome resident) John Jackson and a younger brother, Norman. As a child, Peter enjoyed spending the summers at Camp Hatchway on the shores of Great Pond (now owned by his brother, Jack, and aptly named Camp Happy). Each summer, the Schultz children would head to Maine with their grandmother, Grace Hatch, to enjoy all Rome and lakeside retreat had to offer. (Fun fact about Peter's grandmother: she saw a need to bring children out of the one room schoolhouses and into a common learning space; she worked closely with United States Senator Margaret Chase Smith to plan for the funding and building of the Rome school, now the Community Center and Town Office).

In 1969, Peter married Hillary Saunders. Peter and Hillary moved to Maine in 1973 where the couple lived on the shore of Great Pond—they cleared out a home site and built themselves an A-frame home next door to the Camp Hatchway.

Working successfully for Bloomingdales in New York City, Peter was a valued employee. For a while Peter continued to work for Bloomingdales, commuting back to Rome on weekends, but as each transitioned, Peter saw an opportunity. Peter began Dirigo Stitching in Skowhegan. The company made linens, draperies, flags, and more. He employed approximately 150 people. As time passed and sending jobs overseas became a trend in manufacturing, Peter resisted. He grew his company lean and continued to commit to employing local people making quality American-manufactured goods. Peter continued with his reputation of great professionalism and strong business acumen. He was very aware of the needs of small businesses, communities, and the people of Central Maine. The reputable Schultz was involved in local groups helping to improve the business environment in Somerset and Kennebec Counties. Peter served as President of the Somerset Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) and was recognized by the Maine Innkeepers Association for his significant contributions to the industry.

Peter and Hillary have enjoyed nearly 49 years together and currently reside at their home at the top of Drury Road at the beautiful farm overlooking Great Pond. The Schultz's proudly upkeep Camp Liberty, as it is in the third generation of Hillary's family. Set on approximately 250 acres, the couple has invested much time and love into its maintenance and progression.

In his retirement, Peter operates Quill Hill Farm and has taken to woodworking. Hillary's family farm is still alive and well as Scottish Highland purebred cattle are raised (as many as a dozen at a time), pigs, chickens, and more! The Quill Hill beef is proudly sold at local markets like Day's Store and featured on the menu of the Village Inn. As though running a farm wouldn't keep Peter and Hillary busy enough, Hillary dedicates a substantial amount of time to volunteering at the Viles Arboretum, among others. Peter has taken to building and rebuilding boats. The new workshop is a modern workspace that provides him for a beautiful setting in which to work. Peter is also very active in the Great Pond Yacht Club.

Peter instills the importance of loyalty and community. In Rome, he has invested years of service to help make the town a better place. For the last several years, Peter has served as Moderator of the Annual Town Meeting—presiding over the meeting with rule, wit, order, and common sense. For over 30 years, Peter has served on the Board of Appeals and Fair Hearing Authority. Chairing the board for many of those years, Mr. Schultz creates a respectful process for presentation, consideration, and deliberation.

In 1988, Peter was Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor. He helped oversee the transition of the Town Office from the old Town Office next to the Grange, to the current office, the former school and now Community Center. Prior to serving on these committees, Peter served on the Planning Board for two years, beginning in 1983.

For his long-lasting service, allegiance, and loyalty to the Town of Rome, the 2017 Annual Town Report is dedicated to Peter Schultz.

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MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor

First..... RICHARD A. LABELLE, 2018
Second.....LOIS M. STRATTON, 2018
Third.....MALCOLM S. CHARLES, 2018

Town ClerkABBY L. DiPIETRO, 2018
KIMBERLY R. BROOKS, Deputy

TreasurerTAMMY J. LYONS, 2018

Property Tax CollectorTAMMY J. LYONS, 2018

RSU 18 School Board DirectorDR. ANDREW G. COOK, 2018

Road CommissionerCARROLL BUBAR, 2018

Registrar of VotersABBY L. DiPIETRO, 2018
KIMBERLY R. BROOKS (res)

Assistant to the Selectmen.....KIMBERLY R. BROOKS

Excise Tax Collector/BMV AgentKIMBERLY R. BROOKS
ABBY L. DiPIETRO, Deputy

Code Enforcement OfficerANDREW MARBLE

Health OfficerANDREW MARBLE

Plumbing InspectorANDREW MARBLE

911 Addressing DirectorANDREW MARBLE

Director of Emergency Management.....ED PEARL, JR.

Fire ChiefGARY FOSS
ED PEARL, JR., Assistant

Rescue ChiefGARY FOSS

Forest Fire WardenGARY FOSS
ED PEARL, JR., Deputy
LLOYD THOMAS, Deputy

Animal Control Officer.....ROBERT P. CROSBY
KATHLEEN ROSS (res)

Sexton	MIKE PROCTOR
Budget Committee	PETER SERRADA, 2018 BARBARA HOLT, 2018 (res) ALICE VANDERWERKEN, 2019 ROBERT MOREAU, SR., 2019 SANDRA PHILLIPS, 2018 HILLARY SCHULTZ (alt), 2018 PIERRETTE KELLY (alt), 2018
Planning Board	RICHARD GREENAN (co-chair), 2019 ALAN LABELLE (co-chair), 2018 BARBARA SAXTON, 2019 J. JACKSON SCHULTZ, 2018 FRED GAGNON, 2018 DANIEL “TREE” ROBBINS (alt), 2018 LINCOLN NYE (alt), 2018
Board of Appeals & Fair Hearing Authority.....	PETER SCHULTZ (chair), 2018 ALICE VANDERWERKEN, 2018 PETER KALLIN, 2019 WILLIAM KELLEHER, 2019 EDWIN CHARLES, 2018 JOAN ORR (alt), 2018 CHARLES RANDALL, JR. (alt), 2018
Academic Options Exploratory Committee.....	ELAINE EADLER LYNN LABELLE HANNAH PATTEN DORIS MATHIAS (res) CHIP RIDKY (res)
Belgrade Lakes Dams Committee.....	J. JACKSON SCHULTZ, 2018 TIMOTHY COMEFORD, 2018 RICHARD GREENAN (alt), 2018
FirstPark/KRDA General Assembly.....	DR. ANDREW G. COOK
Kennebec Valley Council of Governments General Assembly.....	LOIS M. STRATTON

THANK YOU

To all of our residents who volunteer to serve our town so well as members of our many boards and committees. Your willingness to serve is greatly appreciated.

Residents interested in serving on any board or committee may notify the Board of Selectmen or the chair of the respective committee.

SPIRIT OF AMERICA AWARD

The Spirit of America Foundation Tribute is presented in the name of Maine municipalities to local individuals, organizations and projects for commendable community service.

In 2017, the Rome Board of Selectmen recognized Dr. Andrew G. Cook with the Spirit of America Award at the 2017 Town Meeting. In addition to the town-based honor, he was honored by the organization's officials, as well as county commissioners at a county-based event. The Town forever honors the volunteer service of all Spirit of America Award recipients with the installation of a plaque at the Rome Community Center.

To submit nominations for future Spirit of America Award winners, please contact the Board of Selectmen. So many people serve Rome in so many ways— let's honor their volunteerism!

Dr. Andrew “Andy” G. Cook was selected by the Board of Selectmen for his volunteerism, dedication, and energy invested into the Town of Rome and the neighboring communities. Andy stepped up to the plate in defense of education when he ran for Rome's seat on the RSU 18 School Board in 2015. He was relatively unfamiliar with the system, but understood the need for representation and support for educating Rome's children. Andy tutored young people in math and sciences, all with the goal of making our students stand out above the rest. Andy has worked tirelessly to preserve Rome's best interests.

Andy has also remained invested in our lakes region. He has worked in various capacities, including his current membership on the Belgrade Lakes Association (BLA) Board of Directors. Again, seeing the need to help our children, Dr. Cook spearheaded the first-ever youth program at the BLA annual meeting.

Andy has also served faithfully as the Town's representative to Kennebec Regional Development Authority (KRDA)/FirstPark. His mission has been to improve the organization so that it may be profitable and provide a return for the Town of Rome. He can be unconventional and an outside-of-the-box thinker, but everything Andy does is to strengthen our community.

In the last year, Andy has taken on a role as Rome Recreation Committee member, helping with the several projects done throughout the year. Andy was instrumental in work done at the Friedrich's Beach property, including the application of grant assistance for \$1,000 to improve the property while mitigating the property's impact on the lake.

In all he has done, Andy Cook has demonstrated the importance of strength, conviction, productivity, and purpose. He has stood up as a friend, neighbor, and volunteer for all in Rome.



Andy smiles back at fellow Town Meeting attendees after being presented with Rome's 2017 Spirit of America Award

SELECTMEN'S LETTER

February 2018

Residents and Taxpayers of the Town of Rome,

We are pleased to submit this letter for your reference and to make you aware of the events in our town over the last year. It has been an honor to serve the people of Rome over the last year, as we work to strengthen our community. The Town of Rome has seen continued change and improvement over the last year. 2017 was a year in which we welcomed new employees, continued to bring the town into a stronger financial position, improve our infrastructure, expand services, and to make Rome a better place to live, work, and vacation.

As we entered 2017, the board was soliciting proposals from qualified legal firms to serve as our new municipal legal counsel. Sally Daggett of Jensen, Baird, Gardner, & Henry submitted a strong proposal with demonstrated experience and expertise. The board was pleased to partner with the Portland firm and have developed a great working relationship. Attorney Daggett hosted a no-cost training with municipal leaders at the Community Center in the spring and her firm offered a free training/legal update for our Board in South Portland.

In April 2017, the board appointed Robert Crosby as the Town's Animal Control Officer. Mr. Crosby has worked for Smithfield in years past and has demonstrated his ability to work with the public and enforce animal regulations. He serves as ACO in four towns: Rome, Smithfield, Madison, and Norridgewock. After a difficult year working with the Humane Society Waterville Area, the Board of Selectmen explored alternative shelter arrangements. The outbreak of sickness at the shelter, combined with a poor level of communication led to signing a one year contract with Somerset Humane Society (Skowhegan). After one year of working with Skowhegan, the Board will review the options for continuing the relationship for shelter services.



Road Commissioner Carroll Bubar has served an invaluable capacity for the Town over the last year, as well. He has provided great oversight of town road maintenance and has also served as a liaison between our board and contractors. He oversaw the Watson Pond Road reconstruction and has put forth a strong plan for the coming year: reconstruction and paving of North Pond Road. It is important that we continue to fund these projects and remain on a maintenance cycle moving forward. Thank you to Carroll for his continued good work for the Town of Rome!

The RSU 18 budget cycle was another year of increases and met with unanimous opposition from our board. The disproportionate burden placed on Rome taxpayers was worsened with the approval of a \$13.9 million bond that will fund improvement projects, of which \$4 million is earmarked for a new track and turf field at Messalonskee High School. While the projects may be worthy, our board

questioned the priority and lack of planning. We express great concern about the spending at the school district, its disproportionate burden on Rome taxpayers, and the lack of correlation between funding and educational results.

This year's tax commitment was delayed, which caused a delay in billing. This delay, in large part, was due to a failure of the State legislature to finalize the rate at which homestead exemptions would be reimbursed. Our Assessing Agent advised us that we could safely commit at a reimbursement rate of 62.5%; however this was untrue. The finalized rate of reimbursement was 50%, causing a slight shortfall in commitment. This does not put the Town's financial standing in peril; however, it gives us cause to pause in the future should similar conditions exist.



Rome's Andy Cook served in a great capacity at FirstPark in the last year, amid a transition in staffing. The Executive Director resigned in March and the organization was left with no transition plan. Dr. Cook took the lead in maintaining progress and was most helpful in coordinating with the firm hired to select a new executive director. The financial situation at FirstPark is no better; the Town is still losing about half of what we invest each year. Dr. Cook has been very involved in the organization and we defer to his knowledge and dedication to define the current standing.

Pine Tree Camp selected a new director and Dawn Wilcox-Robinson opened up the season on North Pond. There had been a series of false emergency calls generated by a new security system at the property, which was putting an undue burden on the Town. As we worked to resolve the issue, Ms. Wilcox-Robinson extended an invitation to the Town to visit for a barbecue and campus tour. We hosted our Selectmen meeting there, as well. A wonderful meal was enjoyed by approximately 20 people; a rainy afternoon didn't halt the tour. Thank you to the staff at Pine Tree Camp for their hosting of the dinner.

We are pleased with the progress of affording taxpayers the convenience of conducting many business transactions online. While we understand many prefer to conduct their business at the Town Office, we have taken steps to add convenience. Together with Town Clerk Abby DiPietro, we have expanded these services and automated many of the once-manual recordkeeping practices.

As many are aware, the Travis Mills Foundation hosted a grand opening of the Maine Chance Lodge at the site of the Elizabeth Arden Estate on Watson Pond Road. There were two open houses in 2017 and more scheduled for 2018. We thank Staff Sergeant Mills for his service to our country and congratulate him and his organization on his accomplishments of turning this property into a remarkable retreat for veterans. It is a true accomplishment and we should all be very proud of this work. *We thank all of our veterans for their service and sacrifice for our great country.*

After years of previous administrations turning a blind eye to the illegal junkyard conditions, our Board denied the application of Larry DiPietro, Sr. for his junkyard on Augusta Road. He was found to be non-compliant with statutes set forth as conditions for operation. Code Enforcement Officer Andrew Marble has been working with the applicant to try and bring the property into compliance.

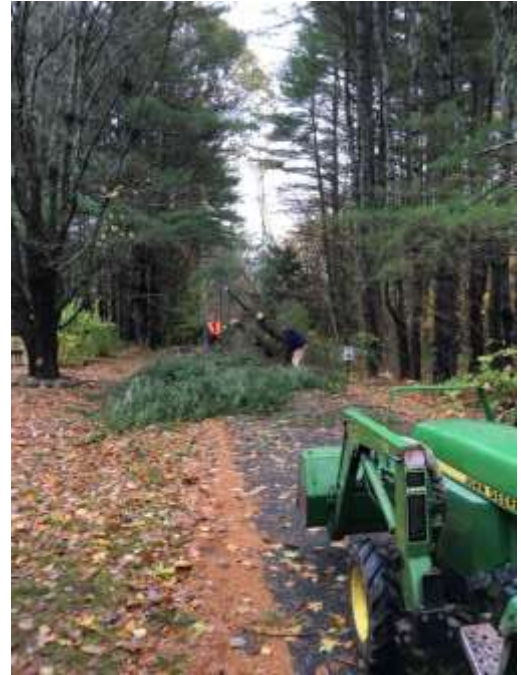
There were concerns about public safety, visual impact, and harm to the environmental. As of writing this letter,

The Board was approached by Bill Garland of Modern Woodmen of America and he graciously offered to purchase and install a new flagpole at the Town Office. This was a volunteer initiative and we accepted his offer. Unfortunately, no more than two weeks after the installation of the pole, Tropical Storm Philippe toppled the pole. We plan to repair the pole as soon as spring arrives.

Tropical Storm Philippe was a remarkable storm that came with an aggressive forecast and, in a matter of a few short hours on the morning of October 30, ravaged much of our town. Many trees fell, utility lines went down, and most of the town was without electricity for nearly a week. We saw neighbors' houses crushed by trees, houses blocked off by downed trees, but most importantly, we saw a community come together when we were all in need. We saw differences put aside all for the better of our town. We saw neighbors stay home from work to help another neighbor clean up debris. We saw firefighters knocking on the doors of our seniors to ensure they were well and safe during the power outage. *We saw Rome at its best when faced with the worst.*

Once again, we were grateful to have Road Commissioner Carroll Bubar available, who worked endless hours and coordinated many resources to restore normalcy to the town. Thank you, too, to the members of the Fire Department who dispatched to the downed trees and closed roadways to ensure that safety remained a top priority. Direct costs of the storm shouldered by the town total approximately \$12,000 (which is a lot for a small town, but very reasonable considering the circumstances). We are currently working with other governmental agencies to seek reimbursement of these costs, of which we will be eligible for 75% reimbursement from FEMA and 10% reimbursement from Maine Emergency Management Agency.

We look forward to another great year ahead in which we can serve the town and bring about expanded availability, added convenience, and a quality delivery of services. Thank you to the many volunteers, committee members, and Town employees who give of their time to make our Rome such a great place to grow, live, and play.



Respectfully Submitted,

**RICHARD A. LABELLE
LOIS M. STRATTON
MALCOLM CHARLES**

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

VALUATION & COMMITMENT

Land	\$ 195,350,200	
Buildings	104,138,900	
Exemptions*		5,450,300
Personal Property	432,900	
Total RE & PP Valuation	294,471,700	
Homestead Reimbursement	3,233,938	
Taxable Valuation	<u>297,705,638</u>	

County Tax#	\$ 299,000	
Municipal Appropriation	886,236.48	
Local Education Appropriation#	1,796,000	
Total Assessments	<u>2,981,236.48</u>	
Revenue Sharing		15,000.00
Monies from Undesignated		90,000.00
Excise Taxes (Auto & Boat)#		192,000.00
Agent Fees#		4,000.00
Total Deductions		<u>369,500.00</u>
Net to be Raised	2,611,736.48	
Overlay (0.05)	58,683.09	
Commitment at 0.00897	<u>2,641,411.15</u>	

**exemptions include homestead, veteran's, and for the blind
#forecasted*

Assessor's notice is given each year on April 1. All resident and non-resident taxpayers of Rome are required to bring or mail to the Assessors, a list of all estates, real and personal, which you hold as guardian, executor and administrator, trustee or otherwise on that date. Any taxpayer who neglects to submit his list by the time requested is barred by law of his right to appeal to the Assessors for any abatement of taxes later.

Currently, the Town of Rome contracts assessing services to RJD Appraisal (Robert J. Duplisea) of Pittsfield, Maine. All assessment records and tax maps are available for public inspection during regular Selectmen's hours or once a month by appointment with the Assessor, if desired. These records are also available during the regular hours of the Office of the Town Clerk.

Anyone who qualifies and has not yet filed for Homestead Exemption must do so by April 1, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,
RICHARD A. LABELLE
LOIS M. STRATTON
MALCOLM CHARLE

Town Clerk Report

In Memory Of

Roland J. Greenleaf, 75- January 8, 2017

Matthew J. Carey, 55 - January 26, 2017

Patricia D. Clement, 69 - February 27, 2017

Edward I. Pearl Sr., 86 - April, 24, 2017

Deborah E. Blaisdell, 70 - May 21, 2017

Michael W. Spencer, 45 - June 8, 2017

Bruce H. Pooler, 69 - August 7, 2017

Steven J. Ross, 56 - October 17, 2017

Nathaniel D. Sulim, 33 - December 25, 2017

Fish & Wildlife Licenses Issued

Hunt/Fish Combo- 9

Fishing- 5

Hunting- 1

Jr. Hunting- 1

Non-Resident Hunt/Fish Combo- 1

Non-Resident Hunting- 1

Non-Resident Fishing- 8

Boats: 468

ATVs: 54

Snowmobiles: 49

Marriages in 2017

8

Births in 2017

5

Deaths in 2017

9

Dog Licensing:

Male/Female: 57

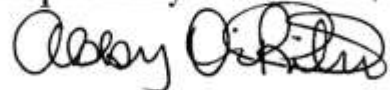
Spayed/Neutered: 169

Kennels: 3

Thank you all for a great first year! We had a very busy year in the office! We were able to get MOSES up and running, online boat registration, as well as online dog licensing! We were able to get the office hours expanded and the clerk/excise office is open an additional 8 hours per week. In addition, we are also now accepting credit cards at the Town Office!

Thank you all for your patience as I was learning the ropes this year! Still so much to learn but I'm very excited for this opportunity and I'm very hopeful for another great year working with you all!

Respectfully Submitted,



Abby DiPietro

Town Clerk

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

With the strong support of Rome's taxpayers, 2017 was another year of strong productivity and improvement on town roads. While there is still much work to do, we are making great progress in improving the town's infrastructure. This year, we finished up the major reconstruction and paving project on Watson Pond Road. Over a period of two years, nearly five miles have been reconstructed. These projects could not have been possible without our partners: Pike Industries, Rick Labbe Construction, and Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance.

We have worked to improve all town roads, which includes a more aggressive brush cutting plan and gravel road maintenance. The Town is trying to take a more proactive approach to road maintenance, but still much of what we do is reactionary. On Crystal Spring Lane this year, we have been battling beavers that have continually blocked culverts and threaten the roadway. Hopefully with the installation of a diversion cage, this will mitigate the problem.

The headline for road maintenance likely came in late October with the strike of Tropical Storm Philippe. The wind and rain event came in from the east and ravaged much of Rome. Topped trees took down power lines and left much of the town without power for nearly a week. 1.5 miles of Jamaica Point Road alone was obstructed by a dozen trees across the roadway, each pulling down power lines. We had approximately \$2,000 set aside in the roads and bridges account in the event we had minor, localized emergencies; however this storm exceeded that. While the costs were great, I worked closely to ensure all work was being completed safely and in the full interest of Rome's taxpayers. Thank you to all of our neighbors, businesses, and nearby contractors that chipped in to help clean up after the storm.



A pair of pine trees lay across Jamaica Point Road, tangled in power lines, in the aftermath of October's Tropical Storm Philippe.

As we look ahead to 2018, I'd like to continue with the Town's major push for road reconstruction. I am proposing the reconstruction and paving of North Pond Road which is in great need of improvement. An approximate project cost of \$325,000 will complete the entire project. I ask that you consider supporting this referendum, as we push to improve Rome roads and make travel safe.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have about the roads. We are always working to make things better and we will do what we can with what the townspeople have so generously provided.

Respectfully Submitted,

CARROLL BUBAR
Road Commissioner

ROME FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

I am very proud to announce that we are still in the shape programe from the state BLS office, for making a safe place & good recorde keeping for our volunteers in the department. We are working hard to keep the shape programe going & we will be inspected by the BLS this year, to make sure we are keeping up with there standerds.

Rome volunteer Fire Department is very glade to say that we had a very quite yr as far as anything big for fire in the town. We did provide mutual aid to our mutual aid towns in some of their bigger incidents that they had.

Rome fire dept is always looking to except any one of our residents that could hav some time to volunteer there time that is needed to keep up with the in house training that is needed. Any one interested in joining can call Gary Foss @ 485-1074 for application. The Fire Department & rescue is in great need for volunteers to join the departments any & all help would be very appreciated.

We would like to thank the town for the support & help that we receive from all the town residents in the town.

I would like to take this time to thank all the members of the Fire Department & the Rescue Department for all they do & I would also like to thank all there family's for all the times that we have to miss those suppers or wake them up in the middle of the night either leaving or when we come back home from call's.

We are still looking @ different tanks to replace & refurbish our 1992 tank truck, cause by doing that it will make that truck last longer for us. I have gotten some prices & I'm in hopes to redoing the tank truck next year after we have saved enough money to do this project.

We would also like to remind the residents of Rome to make you're house number visible from the road so we can respond quickly.

Respectfully you're Fire Chief,

GARY FOSS
Fire Chief

ED PEARL
Assistant fire chief

ROME RESCUE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The year of 2017 was a busy year. We are always working on keeping up with our training hours & we are always looking to add to our membership.

The year of 2017 was a good year and we started our perdem for the fire & rescue witch was a good year to get things in line & started for that service for the town.

We responded to a lot of call in the calendar year of 2017, we received lot of help from the town of Belgrade on calls during the day. Because our coverage is not as strong during the day as we would like. I would like to thank Belgrade fire & rescues for their help.

As a rescue service, we are grateful for our community support, many thanks to those who graciously provided additional donations. Thank you Rome Firefighters for assisting on rescue calls, and thanks to our mutual aid communities for their assistance.

Please have a happy and safe 2018. As a reminder, make sure your home or camp numbers are visible from the roadway. In the event of an emergency, it is critical for responders to see your house number and road name.

Respectfully Submitted,

GARY FOSS, EMT
Rescue Chief

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

I am entering my eleventh year of serving the Town of Rome as Emergency Management Director. First I'd like to thank Rome Fire and Rescue, the Road Commissioner, and his crew for their work during Windstorm Philippe. All of us together cleared roads, did welfare checks, and answered over thirty calls for assistance in a short 36-hour period. I have made efforts to have what the town needs in case a disaster happens and continue to add to my resources. I have radio capabilities to communicate to any emergency agency in the state. I encourage the townspeople to go to the Red Cross website (www.redcross.org) or the State of Maine Emergency Management Agency for any information on preparing for disasters. Myself and the Fire Chief, we have kept the Town NIMS compliant. By keeping the town NIMS (National Incident Management System) compliant, we can apply for Federal and State grants. I do the yearly NIMS rollover for the Town of Rome. Please make sure that your house numbers are visible for emergency responders. I have completed NIMS classes IS100, IS200, IS400, IS700, IS740, and IS800

If you have any questions about how to prepare or need resources, please feel free to contact me anytime. My email is edpearl@tds.net and my cell phone is 314-6192.

Respectfully Submitted,

ED PEARL, JR.
Director

PLUMBING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Dear Rome Residents

There were 29 plumbing permits issued in Rome this year, which is up from last year (23 issued in 2016). They break down as follows:

- 17 Internal plumbing permits
- 12 Subsurface Wastewater plumbing permits

Did you know that many septic tanks have a filter on their outlet which needs to be cleaned from time to time? In fact, if you have a septic tank which was installed in the last 10-15 years, you most likely have one of these filters on your tank. The filters, which I heard one contractor endearingly refer to earlier this year as “corn strainers” (which is both super gross, and probably mildly accurate) are designed to keep solids out of your leach field. Since getting solids in the leach field is probably the fastest way to kill a system, these filters can drastically increase the longevity of your system if used properly.

However, as with any filter, it is crucial that they get cleaned regularly to make sure they are functioning properly. I have been told by a number of septic pumpers that 75% of the calls they receive from panicked homeowners about a “failing” newer septic system is actually just a plugged filter. Cleaning these filters regularly (once a year) is a good way to ensure that they don't plug up and that your system continues to work smoothly for a years to come.

Speaking of systems running smoothly, when was the last time you pumped your septic tank? By far the best way to maintain your septic system is to pump your septic tank on a regular basis (once every 2 years). Considering the cost to install a new septic system (\$5000 and up), pumping your tank once every two years for \$200-\$300 is money well spent!

Respectfully Submitted,

ANDREW MARBLE
Licensed Plumbing Inspector

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

Dear Rome Residents

39 building permits were issued in Rome in 2017, which is 4 less than the year before. While the number of total permits issued was slightly down, the number of new houses was up (4 new houses versus 3).

The following types of permits were issued by either the Planning Board or Code Enforcement Office in 2017:

- 4 New homes/camps
- 12 New sheds/garages
- 11 Additions
- 9 Major remodeling/replacement
- 2 Earth moving
- 1 Temporary dock

It's time once again for this years "Don't Do That!" award, wherein I share real life examples of people who did stupid things only to learn the hard way that they shouldn't have "done that". 2017's "Don't Do That" award goes out to an arborist who learned the hard way that not everything should be shared on social media....

The story begins in Smithfield (I am also the Code Officer there) when I received a complaint that some excessive tree "limbing" had been done at a property on North Pond. Receiving complaints about cutting "violations" is extremely common in the summer, and while I typically will inspect each complaint, I would wager that only about 20% of them are found to be actual violations.

Upon inspection of this complaint however, I quickly realized that this was indeed one of those 20 percenters. What I found between the camp and the water was that nearly every tree (all 5 or 6 of them) had been almost completely de-limbed. Each of the 30-40 foot tall trees looked like it was wearing a top hat of leaves, as it had only 4-6 feet of branches remaining.

For those of you who don't know the shoreland zoning cutting regulations by heart (in other words, for those of you that actually have a life), the ordinance states that within 100' of water, "pruning of tree branches on the bottom 1/3 of the tree is allowed". While I make no claims of being a mathematician, pruning the bottom 35' of a 40' tall tree seems like a little more than 1/3.....but again, maybe I'm just poor at math...

This is where the story gets good (and is subsequently why its award worthy)! After returning to the office, I Googled the name of the arborist who had conducted the cutting violation (which was given to me by the complainant), and found a Facebook page set up in their business's name. Imagine my sheer delight when I clicked on this Facebook page and found that the arborist had posted before, during, and after pictures of the violation, and had even added a nice little caption that read "now they have a great view from their second story window"! Print....print....print....case closed.....

Long story short, I issued a notice of violation to the arborist as well as the homeowner for violating the cutting standards within the shoreland zoning ordinance. Each party was forced to pay a fine of \$250, and the homeowner had to replant 5 trees to make up for the trees which were grossly over-limbed.

Finally, while I won't say which arborist was responsible for the cutting, I will say that the arborist does not live in Rome or any of the surrounding Towns, and was actually found on Craigslist by the homeowner.

Moral of the story.....actually there are a few.

1. Don't hire your contractors off Craigslist and expect them to do an A+ job...or even a C-job....without getting references first!
2. If you're going to break the law, or even do slightly questionable things, don't post it on Facebook (this one goes into the "duh" category)
3. Even if you were not the one that actually committed the violation, if it happened on your land, you could still be partially on the hook. You see, quite often remedial action will be needed to correct a violation (think tree replanting, building alterations, soil stabilization, etc.), and therefore further access onto the property may be needed. If the homeowner is not named as one of the defendants and then does not allow anyone to come back onto their property, the court may not be able to order a violator to physically correct a violation. To avoid this problem, the landowner is almost always named as a defendant in a land use violation, whether they had an active role in the violation or not. I mention this only to highlight the importance of hiring high quality, trustworthy contractors that have a proven track record. After all, you don't want to find yourself featured in next year episode of "Don't Do That".

Respectfully Submitted,

ANDREW MARBLE
Code Enforcement Officer

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

2017 was another interesting and busy year, despite the cancellation of a few Planning Board monthly meetings due to a lack of agenda items.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Co-Chair Alan LaBelle and all of our Planning Board members for their contributions of time and expertise. Each member brings to the table a unique set of skills and experiences.

Regarding the lengthy Camp Caruso application and subsequent appeal, the applicant has since sold the property in question. The application consumed a great deal of time and resources. We wish to thank all of the residents that participated in the process.

The Planning Board schedules monthly meetings on the 2nd Monday of each month normally. Beginning in January 2018, meeting times will change to 6:00 p.m. The present Planning Board consists of seven members, five of whom are voting members along with two alternates who engage in all discussions and, after being appointed by a Chairman to do so for that meeting, vote in the absence of one of the regular members.

We would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, our Code Enforcement Officer Andrew Marble, and the entire Town staff for their continued support during this past year.

Respectfully Submitted,

DICK GREENAN
Co-Chair, Planning Board

DAMS COMMITTEE REPORT

The watershed of Belgrade Lakes Area has experienced a second year in a row of severe drought conditions which has again placed a burden on the water level management plan that we are asked to follow. Our lakes and ponds are still at lower than normal managed levels. Any resident using the lakes or ponds for a water source should take precautions to extend and cover the water lines to prevent freezing. At this time, rain is desperately needed to bring the area's water table back to normal levels.

Major remediation to a leakage problem on the Great Pond Dam's spillway structure was conducted during the fall season with project completion by year's end. Minor maintenance and repairs were completed on all three dams during the past year.

For 2018 we have the need to address growing problems with the wooden crib structure of the Wings Mill Dam controlling Long Pond. The Dam Committee is requesting that the Towns of Rome, Belgrade, and Oakland appropriate the amount of \$10,000 to address the Great Pond Dam leakage problems and \$10,000 for the annual continuing maintenance and repairs to all three dams.

A total request of \$20,000.	Belgrade	\$11,200 (56%)
	Rome	\$5,400 (27%)
	Oakland	\$3,400 (17%)

The Members of the Committee would like to thank the residents and officials of Rome, Belgrade, and Oakland for their continued assistance and support. A special Thank You to Committee Member Tim Comeford for his time spent working on the Great Pond Dam remediation project.



Respectfully Submitted,

DOUG McCAFFERTY
Chairman, Dams Committee

ROME RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Recreation Committee lived our town motto “**Rome – A great place to live, a great place to grow up.**” We earned funds to do our work by holding the very successful town yard sale. Thank you to all our volunteers who donated the many wonderful goods and their time; we raised over \$1,200. We also applied for and were granted funds from the Belgrade Lakes Association (\$250) and the Belgrade Regional Conservation Association (\$1,000). Our exceptionally successful fundraising allowed us to do the following.

We provided a Halloween Town Hall “trick or treat” with candy and decorations. Our many little visitors loved it. We provided Christmas gifts and food for six town families. We held the traditional (and wonderful) “seniors” dinner. Our Selectmen, led by Richard LaBelle, thanked these many people for their volunteerism for our town.

An exceptional effort this year was our revitalization of the town beach. The Town owns five acres with frontage on Great Pond. This area, the Friedrich's Property, was donated to Rome for the benefit of residents and especially residents who may not have access to Great Pond waterfront. The town goal is to conserve this land for the long term benefit of our residents while assisting in improving Great Pond's water quality and enhancing the natural heritage of this small portion of the Belgrade Lakes Watershed.



Volunteers completing work near the shore at the Friedrichs' Beach property

The beach had fallen into disrepair and neglect. We made considerable progress in bringing the beach up in compliance with shore frontage requirements. We eliminated accumulated unsanitary debris, improved drainage, improved erosion control, and did housekeeping and made upgrades to make the area attractive to our citizens young and old. Specifically:

- Our Code Enforcement Officer, Andrew Marble, prepared a plan drawing for the water front area consistent with State, Department of Environmental Protection and town regulations.
- Our Town Road Commissioner, Carroll Bubar, assessed the access road and parking area to determine the needed renovations and prepared a layout plan consistent with environmentally conscious management of traffic, parking and water run-off.
- We had two volunteer work weekends and several additional afternoon work sessions to implement those approved plans.
- The access road was upgraded according to plan with proper drainage (Carroll Bubar).

- 40' of 8x8 pressure treated wood barriers were installed parallel to the beach for erosion control (Rhoads Miller and team).
- That area (uphill from the waterfront) was back filled with top soil (loam) and seeded for erosion control (Carroll Bubar).
- Hay bales were installed on the water side for erosion control until the rip rap is installed.
- Debris and dead bushes on the waterfront side were removed (Kim Brooks, Tammy Lyons and team).
- The 150' winding access trail from the parking area to the picnic plateau, the plateau and 50% of the lower access road were mulched (Tammy Lyons and team – 6 truckloads of mulch).
- The boat launch access road was blocked with two large boulders (boat launch is now physically prevented).
- An eight foot American with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant picnic table was built and installed.
- This was all done through several hundred hours of town citizen volunteer labor, donated materials, and volunteered heavy earth moving equipment. We would like to especially recognize these contributions: Carroll Bubar (road work), Arbormore Tree Service (mulch), Uria Pelletier/Kavestone Construction (trucking), Rick Labbe Construction (loam), Warren Brothers (hay), the BLA (picnic table) and volunteers CJ Frost, Jon Barneschi, Lisa Dube, Brianna Dube, Logan Dube, Uria Pelletier Jr., Shelby Lyons, and Andy Marble.



Young trick-or-treaters visit the Community Center in an event hosted by the Recreation Committee

As a result of everyone's great work, the beach has been transformed into a family-friendly, relaxing, lakefront area consistent with the beautiful, conservation conscious heritage of our wonderful town and citizens. We have more plans for this year to finish this beautiful project. **2017 was a great year for the Recreation Committee. It was a lot of fun and we appreciate the chance to serve the town!**

Rome – A great place to live, a great place to grow up.

Kimberly Brooks

Cheryl Hasenfus

Rhoads Miller

Andrew Cook

Tammy Lyons

TOWN OF ROME SCHOLARSHIP

Each year, the Board of Selectmen award four scholarships to students in our community. The top three eighth graders from Rome are awarded with \$50 each as a token of encouragement as they continue their excellent academic achievement into high school. The top-ranking senior from Rome is awarded \$1,000 in the form of a scholarship after demonstrating exceptional performance in the first semester of college.

This year, the Rome Board of Selectmen was pleased to award ***Shelby Lyons, Emmie Pelletier, and Allison Wills*** with \$50 each as the town's lead eighth-graders at Messalonskee Middle School.

Anna Dobos was Rome's top senior student. Anna attends University of Maine at Farmington

It is our honor, on behalf of all Rome residents and taxpayers to honor these four individuals for their academic achievements. We wish you the best of futures and will share in your successes as a community.

Respectfully Submitted,

**RICHARD A. LABELLE
LOIS M. STRATTON
MALCOLM CHARLES**

ROME SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Rome Scholarship Fund was established in 1998 with the Maine Community Foundation. The initial funding of this scholarship was given in thanks to Rome teachers Martha Mosher, Louisa Moulton, Beulah Richardson, and Francis Watson. This Fund provides scholarship support to Messalonskee High School graduates who have been accepted at a 2 or 4 year college. They must have been residents of Rome for at least two years prior to graduating from high school and rank in the top half of their class.

In 2007, a new scholarship was established honoring Brother Thomas Bezanson. He was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia in 1929. Brother Thomas Bezanson was a Benedictine monk at Weston Priory in Vermont for twenty-five years, and he worked as an artist-in-residence with the Benedictine Sisters of Erie from 1985 until his death in August, 2007. His porcelain pieces, which range from tea bowls to large platters and elegant vases, are found in more than fifty national and international collections.

The two scholarship endowment funds now total over \$126,000, and part of this is awarded each year. As of December 2017, last June's scholarship recipients were awarded a total of \$4,660. ***Congratulations to Messalonskee High School class of 2017 graduates Joseph Foss, Anna Dobos, and Alisha Pearl.***

The Maine Community Foundation is a statewide organization that partners with donors and community groups to strengthen Maine communities. The Rome Scholarship Committee thanks Rome's citizens for giving the support that helps assure the continued growth of this Fund. Plans are underway for launching another appeal this summer so that we can boost the fund's endowment and help Rome's graduates meet increasing college expenses.

Respectfully Submitted,

LIZ TONGE
Rome Scholarship Fund Committee

***Congratulations to the following 2017 Rome graduates
We wish you the best of luck in all of your future endeavors!***

Connor Burnworth (Kennebec Valley Community College)

Anna Dobos (University of Maine at Farmington)

Joseph Foss (Kennebec Valley Community College)

Connor Mayberry (Unknown)

Alisha Pearl (Southern Maine Community College)

Autumn Pilsbury (Unknown)

Nathan Schnee (United State Air Force)

Griffin Tuttle (Unknown)



TOWN OF ROME ACADEMIC OPTIONS FINDINGS

MISSION

The Academic Options Exploratory Committee, representing the citizens of Rome, was charged with the task of investigating the status of education in RSU 18 and reviewing RSU 18's financial impact on our town.

ACADEMIC REVIEW

The committee met with RSU 18 academic personnel (i.e., School Superintendent, Chief Academic Officer, and Special Education director). Central in determining RSU 18 student progress is a review of test scores, specifically MEA's, MWEA's, and SAT's. During the three years preceding 2015, test scores declined; however, since 2015, scores have steadily risen. Expectations are with measures put in place since in the last few years, scores will continue to trend upward toward and above state averages. Improvement in scores has been due to districtwide adoption of curricula in both reading/literacy (ERL) and mathematics and specialists and coaches working with students and teachers to ensure student progress continues. Administrators and teachers are delving into the disparity among schools. In mathematics, middle school personnel are currently investigating strategies used by schools in Maine that have achieved well-above state averages.

While we have seen a recent rise in student test scores, there is room for further improvement. Our goal must be to focus on providing the finest methods and strategies with our students working toward the goal of meeting and exceeding state averages.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total RSU 18 budget:	\$36,044,977.59	Rome share:	\$1,843,115.39
Total RSU 18 student count:	2,862	Rome student count:	121

Meetings with the Superintendent and Business Manager reveal the following: Rome pays 8.2% of the total RSU 18 town's contributing share and has 4% of the enrollment. This cost sharing formula and method of payment is controlled and cannot be reevaluated until 2022. In the fall of 2017, an attempt was made to alter this formula from the 75/25 formula to a 70/30 formula. It was defeated. The RSU 18 Business Manager completes an overview of the budget expenditure of each department for "trending" of expenses. If there is an obvious red flag, a deeper focus is then given to the issue.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Encourage Dr. Andrew Cook, Rome's School Board representative, to continue his pursuit of excellence in education for Rome students as well as for all RSU 18 students, and to scrutinize test scores when available. Dr. Cook maintains our town website (romemaine.com) with current information.

Parents should become involved with student's academic work, ask questions of teachers and administrators when concerns arise, expect responsiveness and excellence from administrators, teachers, and students, and to attend school functions and meetings open to the public. Dates and times are available at rsu18.org.

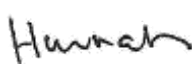
Be aware of your town and district involvement in the education of our young people.

Stay apprised of upcoming legislation which could impact education and our tax dollars.

Financially, it is recommended that the Town of Rome Selectmen request a periodic, thorough examination of expenditures beyond simply the "trending" view.

Respectfully Reporting,

LYNN LABELLE, HANNAH WORKMAN, ELAINE EADLER



RSU 18 SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTOR'S REPORT

"Changes, challenges, vigilance, and vision—academic excellence"

The Good News:

- The \$13.9 M capital improvement bond passed. It provides funds for overdue safety upgrades, repairs and facilities upgrades for each of the schools. **This is a big positive.**
- Our Chief Financial Officer, Bobbi Avery, is moving to the Lewiston school district. This is a great loss.
- An "academics" report from our Chief Academic Officer, Keith Morin, is on every school Board agenda. This is a wonderful step forward. For sure our administration is getting increasingly focused on this critical outcome.
- Our Rome Academic Options Exploratory Committee (RAOEC) is hard at work. They are iterating with the RSU 18 administration, looking at other possibilities and researching questions related to schools and options.

Other considerations:

- **The \$13.9M in capital projects - the biggest capital effort in years.** Careful planning, strong project leadership and rigorous project reviews are essential. It appears the Superintendent has that underway. He is working to hire "owner's representatives" to watch the projects.
- **We are not at the academically excellent position we aspire to.** I prepared a report for the RAOEC. It shows, using MEA and MHSA test scores, that RSU 18 is an "average" district academically in Maine. We are urging the administration to create a five year academic excellence strategic plan to take us to top. We can do it. All we need is **the vision to be the best**, a plan to get there and **the will to do it**.
- **These topics come to a head in the current budget cycle.** Last year we had the largest budget increase in years. We have added the largest bond payments in years. Our enrollment is flat. Will Rome support a budget increase? My perspective is:—
 - o **If we get a good, solid 5 year academic excellence improvement plan – that will take us to being one of the top districts academically in the State, and hence ensure our young Rome men and women get an excellent start in life – then I support a budget increase.**
 - o In the absence of a plan, I do not support an increase.

Now is the time to for you to impact the 2018-19 budget. Come and speak in the school board meetings Have an impact.

One town statesman noted that we need more young couples to settle and raise their families here. "What brings them? Good schools! That is what they want. " If we can help RSU 18 become one of the top 10 schools in Maine young couples will come, raise their families, industries will locate here, jobs will be created – good (great) schools are the key.

We aspire to giving our 120 Rome students under our stewardship the best start in life that we can afford. I, and all of us, are concerned about all 2,900 students in the district. As your sole representative (the other four RSU 18 towns all have at least two), I very much need your thoughts, input, and direction. It is a privilege to represent you and our students. Thank you for the opportunity. I look forward to meeting you & hearing from you.

Yours in achieving excellence,



DR. ANDREW G. COOK
School Board Director

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RSU 18 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Residents of RSU 18,

It is an honor to serve as your Superintendent of Schools and to have the opportunity to contribute to this year's town report. There has been significant change at the Central Office this past year, but what has not changed is the commitment and dedication in RSU 18 to meet the needs of every child, at every school on every day. In my first year as your Superintendent I am spending time watching, listening and learning more about our District. One thing that has not been a surprise, but has been reassuring, is the incredible positive relationships I see in all of our schools.

In our elementary schools, the educational climate is one of the first things parents mention when they visit. We work hard to create this atmosphere, and it is something of which we are proud. Our "Watch Dog" and other volunteer programs bring parents into our schools. Our commitment to meet individual student needs is thriving in our elementary schools. We have intervention programs to assist struggling students, and our dedicated teachers and administrators work tirelessly to ensure that every student is challenged and given opportunities to succeed.



In our middle schools and high school, there is no shortage of things about which to brag. To name a few: math teams are thriving at all levels, our academic indicators are moving in a positive direction, we have many students taking college level classes and receiving college credit, and we have academic supports in place to help all students succeed. Oh yeah, our arts and music programs are...well they are awesome.

This year I watched students from our District present at the Maine School Management Association's conference. They presented on one of our academic programs, and they stole the show. Administrators, teachers and school board members from other schools were blown away. The Governor went out of his way to complement our team. As always, our students made us look good.

This past November, community members from our five towns had the opportunity to vote on a bond initiative that would allow us to upgrade facilities around the District, make necessary improvements identified by the State Fire Marshal's Office, update our nutrition program, and to renovate the Messalonskee High School athletic complex. First of all, thank you for supporting this initiative. It is exciting to know we will be able to do this needed work for our District.

Twenty-four years ago I moved into this District because of the schools, and I know today this happens with many other families. Great schools are made up of great people. Thank you to all the staff who work with students every day, and to our community members who go out of their way to support schools.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carl Gartley
RSU 18 Superintendent of Schools

**FIRSTPARK/KENNEBEC VALLEY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY (KRDA)
GENERAL ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Background: First Park was created in 2001 to create jobs for the twenty-four surrounding towns. Each town invested and backed the debt incurred. In return the towns receive a portion of the tax revenues and hopefully get employment for residents. The Park is a high end office park intended to attract businesses from outside the Kennebec Valley area. Rome is one of the twenty-four investing towns.

The Current situation: No lots were sold or developed in 2017. To the best of our knowledge no Rome residents have employment in First Park. In the spring our Director left for other employment. An active replacement search was undertaken. We located and used an experienced and successful site selection and recruiting firm, the NextMove Group. Peter Mills, Executive Director of the Maine Turnpike Authority, was a key leader in the successful effort to locate our new, experienced Director – Jim Dinkle. He started on November 6th. Further in the selection process the executive board learned much about the complexities of the modern day market for siting industrial businesses. It was learned how critical a modern web page is to our success. An effort is underway to make the web page a state of the art useful tool for site selectors who are helping businesses to find new locations. The new Director's insights are refreshing. Maybe he can help us to join the wave of economic recovery and growth the US is experiencing.

Because of the continued lack of tangible progress in lot sales and job growth we, in Rome, are staying the course with the plan we presented in the 2015 Town annual report. Specifically:

1. We continue to recommend that Rome exit the First Park agreement at the first possibility. The contracts and legislation are written so tightly that we cannot do this until the Park is operating at "breakeven." Assuming no new debt is incurred, this will happen in 2021. If we exit we will still get our \$11,000/yr. positive cash stream but we will not be bound by any new debt or losses incurred.
2. We continue to recommend that Rome stridently oppose the creation of any new debt or cost. If new debt or cost is incurred it will delay the date of "net breakeven" and impede our ability to exit. It will also place an additional burden on our tax payers, a burden that could extend to the year 2099.
3. We continue to recommend that any residents who have a business or know of a business that wishes to expand or build new offices consider First Park. It is a great place for a medical practice, law practice, insurance office, governmental agency office, diagnostic center, call center, high tech R&D center, biomedical business, corporate headquarters, professional business startup or even a light specialty manufacturing operation. It practically has its own corporate airport (the Waterville airport) and has access to all sorts of transportation (truck, interstate vehicle, rail and even heavy aircraft). It is uniquely positioned for businesses that wish to straddle the Canadian/US border. If you or an acquaintance would like to consider First Park, allow Jim Dinkle our new Executive Director to show you a wonderful new home – First Park!

RESPECTFULLY YOUR REPRESENTATIVE,



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BELGRADE/ROME SPECIAL NEEDS FOOD PANTRY REPORT

Food insecurity is a major concern in Maine – 16% of the households; 24% of our children and 23% of our seniors fall within these numbers. The Belgrade/Rome Food Pantry has been operating for 25 years to serve these neighbors by distributing food and household items. We are an essential component of town services provided to its citizens to promote and enhance the quality of life of the community.

In 2017 the pantry distributed 470 weeks of food. That is approximately 40 families/110 clients each month who were provided with food and household items to last them a week. The Food Pantry accepted donations of over 15,000 food items and other necessities, purchasing approximately 33,300 items and distributing over 39,000 items to almost 90 registered families.

We have partnered with the Belgrade Central School, providing daily snacks to students unable to provide their own and teacher needs in the classroom by purchasing items not provided by the school which would otherwise be purchased with teacher dollars. We also partnered with the Belgrade Health Center delivering food items for their patients.

In both the spring and in December, in addition to the regular monthly client disbursement, the pantry distributed over 100 Spring Baskets and Holiday Baskets to families. This doubled our clients' monthly food allotment and included an entire meal of turkey, chicken or ham, fresh potatoes, fresh fruit, squash, canned vegetables, pies, etc.

The pantry maintains its budget in many ways – generous monetary support from local businesses and individuals; regular monthly checks from the Bottle Redemption Box at the Belgrade Transfer Station (thank you for all the deposits); food drives at our local schools; “Maine Hunger Walk”; grants such as the “Joy - Jumpstart Our Youth” grant from the students at Messalonskee High School and “The Emergency Food and Shelter Program” grant offered by United Way of Mid-Maine; government assistance through the TEFAP program and by economic shopping at Good Shepherd Food Bank.

The pantry is located at the North Belgrade Community Center, 508 Smithfield Road, (Route 8) and is open Tuesdays 9:00 – 11:00. We have food collection boxes at both the Belgrade and Belgrade Lakes Post Offices, the Rome and Belgrade Town Offices and the Belgrade Library. Monetary contributions can be made directly to the pantry at Belgrade/Rome Food Pantry, P.O. Box 662, Belgrade Lakes ME 04918 or by sending a contribution to Good Shepherd Food Bank, Auburn ME and designating the Belgrade/Rome Food Pantry. Check us out on Facebook for the latest news.

Thank you to the towns of Belgrade and Rome and all the individuals, businesses, churches and organizations that help to make these services possible. We are always looking for able bodied help. If you are interested in volunteering, please call 495-2022.

Board of Directors: Marylou Butterfield, Chairperson; Hazel Labbe, Secretary; Tony Mastromarino, Treasurer; Pam Fairchild and Anne Grier, Managers; Laverne Pelletier, Volunteer Coordinator; Evelyn Fowler, Board Member.

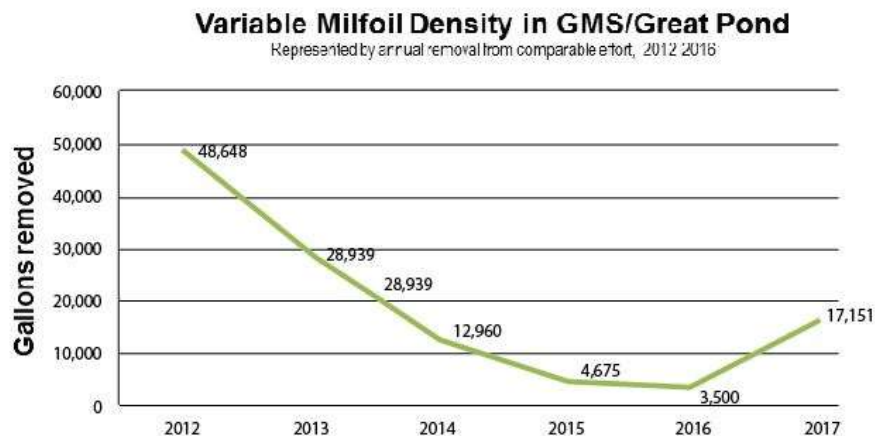
BELGRADE LAKES ASSOCIATION REPORT

The taxpayers in Rome have been very supportive of the Belgrade Lakes Association for many years, especially our work with invasive milfoil in Great Pond. The BLA and the entire lake community thank you for this generous support.

The battle with invasive milfoil continues to go well. The infestation remains confined to Great Meadow Stream and North Bay of Great Pond. While scattered plants have been found in other parts of the lake they have been quickly removed. No new infestations were found last year. And the community has continued to back this important work. The STOP MILFOIL Capital Campaign has now raised over \$1 million.

The Belgrade Lakes Association is also active in several other areas of lake stewardship fulfilling our mission of “protecting and improving the watershed of Great Pond and Long Pond through preservation, education and action.” Here is an update on the BLA activities in 2017 for STOP MILFOIL and our other major programs:

1. STOP MILFOIL – The BLA invested \$85,000 in 2017 to remove 17,151 gallons of invasive milfoil from Great Meadow Stream and Great Pond, search for new outbreaks around the shoreline of both lakes and keep it from spreading into Long Pond. The 17,151 gallons of milfoil removed is almost 5 times more than was pulled in 2016. Why the big increase? The best thinking is that the abundant sunshine and very low water levels in 2016 gave the plants a strong head start in 2017. What is clear is that this fight is not over and that we have to keep up our aggressive removal program.



In 2017, five times more invasive milfoil was removed than the previous year.

2. Courtesy Boat Inspectors – The BLA invested \$28,000 to post Courtesy Boat Inspectors from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm, seven days a week, from Memorial Day through Labor Day at the Great Pond and Long Pond boat ramps. They conducted 6,350 boat inspections. This program will be funded again in 2018, because the best way to stop additional milfoil infestations is to prevent more milfoil from getting into the lakes in the first place.

3. LakeSmart – The BLA invested \$10,000 for an administrator to run the LakeSmart program on Great Pond and Long Pond. Trained LakeSmart volunteers completed 78 surveys in 2017 and awarded 50 LakeSmart awards and 28 LakeSmart commendations.

4. Youth Conservation Corps – The BLA invested \$10,000 to help fund the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance Youth Conservation Corps in 2017. The Corps completed 70 erosion control projects on Great and Long Pond properties to help check run off and reduce the amount of external phosphorus running into the lakes.

5. Water Quality – The BLA invested over \$10,000 in water quality research on Great and Long Ponds last year including monitoring gloeotrichia, dissolved oxygen and other important water quality factors.

6. Communications – The BLA hosted it Member Reception and Annual Meeting last July 30th, which was attended by 193 members and guests who heard several excellent presentations on important issues facing our lakes, like excess phosphorus and invasive milfoil, and enjoyed refreshments and good fellowship with lake neighbors and friends.

7. Phosphorus Remediation -- The BLA is also taking a lead role in mitigating the excess phosphorus in Great Pond. This summer a watershed survey of the lake will be conducted as the first step in securing the state permit required to treat the lake and restore its natural iron aluminum balance. Lots of volunteers will be needed to help conduct the survey. If you are interested in helping, please call the BLA office at (207) 512-5150 and leave your name and contact information. We will get back to you with details about the survey project.

Become a BLA Member!

If you are not a member of the Belgrade Lakes Association, please consider joining. The BLA is open to anyone who loves our lakes and wants to help preserve and protect the Great Pond and Long Pond watershed. You will be kept informed about important matters affecting our lakes and this community, invited to our Member Reception and Annual Meeting and receive two informative and highly acclaimed newsletters each year. Just call the BLA office at (207) 512-5150 or go to the BLA website at www.belgradelakesassociation.org to sign up.



Again, thank you to the entire Town of Rome for your generous and ongoing backing of the Belgrade Lakes Associations and our activities and actions in our watershed. Your support is greatly appreciated.

If you have questions or want to discuss any aspect of the BLA mission or programs, please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of the BLA Board of Directors. We would very much enjoy visiting with you.

With great appreciation,

LYNN MATSON

BLA President

Cell: (207) 716-6094

NORTH POND ASSOCIATION REPORT

As the North Pond Association's new president, I am writing to thank you for your 2017 support of our Courtesy Boat Inspections! I have been on the NPA Board of Directors for 11 years and the \$1,000 donated by the Town of Rome has always helped the NPA support Courtesy Boat Inspections, which are an integral part of our PREVENTION efforts. This summer we actually had a SAVE by an inspector! The fragment was identified as an invasive milfoil by the BRCA and the DEP. Thankfully, it was found before entering the water. THANK YOU to our CBIs who are our front line of attack!

With Great Pond's North Bay and Messalonskee Lake/Snow Pond both infested within our watershed, we must stay vigilant to prevent fragments from entering our shallow lake! Yes, a very small fragment, just like the one pulled off the boat this summer, is all it would take for the fast-growing milfoil to become a very big, expensive problem. It could potentially lower tax revenue of all three surrounding towns. Based on that information, I ask you to support our request for 2018 for \$2,000.



The additional \$1,000 request this year will help by increasing our number of paid courtesy boat inspections through September, when there are still many boaters and several fishing tournaments taking place. Finding a fragment is evidence extended CBI coverage at our boat landing is necessary. In 2017 NPA logged 933 paid hours of courtesy boat inspections, and 84 volunteer hours. We documented 1,017 staffed hours and over 1,900 inspections. The number of plant fragments inspectors pulled from boats entering and exiting the lake was 191, including the invasive fragment.

The North Pond Association funded \$9,000 for Courtesy Boat Inspectors coverage in 2017. The share from each town surrounding our lake, Smithfield, Mercer, and Rome, was \$1,000. The balance of hours covered was through donations from people who value our lake being free of invasives and through volunteer hours.

Our lake is a beautiful local resource, whatever the season, and the NPA is working hard to keep it that way in many ways. You may have noticed the newly constructed permanent kiosk, which offers protection from the elements for our CBIs and a spot for community information to be shared at the boat landing. At NPA's request, the Department of Conservation will be making ramp upgrades in lake spring/early summer 2018. We continue to provide a much appreciated portapotty, maintain outlying areas at the landing replacing erosion control mulch each spring and continue to collaborate with Fairview Grange to provide educational programs. North Pond now has a Watershed-Based Protection Plan (WBPP) in place and in action as a result of the lake wide watershed survey we invested in last summer. NPA's WBPP steering committee has been awarded grant money to make improvements to "hotspots" around the lake where runoff, erosion and infrastructure can be improved upon.

We have gained a few more LakeSmart properties which means our message of everyone doing their part to protect and preserve our lake is being heard and acted upon! Colby College students sampled our pond in the warmest October in many years, and confirmed 2 lake wide algae blooms. We will be sharing more ways for everyone in the tri-town area to help reduce phosphorous loading into the lake to reduce the likelihood of future algae blooms. Remember, we have Best Management Practices on display and working on the shore of the Fairview Grange in Smithfield, which is a perfect way to help prevent future algae blooms while beautifying it at the same time! Don't forget, you can reach it by boat or car!

Keeping North and Little Ponds healthy for years to come is always the goal of the NPA. Our lake association looks forward to remaining active in community involvement with a focus on all things lake. What is good for the lake is good for all of us! Thank you for considering supporting our efforts this year!

Respectfully Submitted,

JODIE MOSHER-TOWLE
North Pond Association President
PO Box 44
Smithfield, ME 04978
(207) 632-1009

ROME RUFF RIDERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB REPORT

For over twenty-five years, the Rome Ruff Riders Snowmobile Club has maintained 27 +/- miles of trails. This includes trimming, building bridges, installing and removing signs, and grooming. To accomplish this work over the last five years, the club has worked a total of 2,205 hours—for an average of 735 hours per year. We had a miscellaneous expense of \$5,468, which is an average of \$1,093 per year. This is expended on fuel and oil, bridge material, and equipment rental when not donated by the members. To add to this the purchase of new equipment and the maintenance and repair of brush saws, chainsaws, hand trimming tools, and four sleds with drags for grooming.



During this period, we have purchased two new sleds and three new drags with an expense of \$29,535. The club obtained a state grant for \$2,550 to help with the first sled and the drags. The second sled was purchased without help from the state for \$11,585—all from the club and member donations. We presently need to replace our old sled, a 20 year-old Polaris. Our members have equipment that we use during the fall when trails are in need of trimming, clearing brush, and bridge repair. They include numerous 4x4s and sleds, trailers, three tractors,

generators, all hand tools, and an excavator when not tied up on a job by the owner.

This information is presented to the Town of Rome to support the request for financial support. Our membership fluctuates yearly between 12 and 34 members. Our work crew will average around 4 or 5. As you may have seen on TV, all clubs have a problem with membership in two ways: the number of members and the age of the members that do the work. The support from the Town last year was greatly appreciated. We hope that this will be an annual donation as people use some sections of the trails for walking, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, horseback riding, as well as snowmobile.

Respectfully Submitted,

LINCOLN NYE

On behalf of the Snowmobile Club

SUSAN M. COLLINS
MAINE

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United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1904

Dear Friends:

It is an honor to represent Maine in the United States Senate. I am grateful for the trust the people of our State have placed in me and welcome this opportunity to share some key accomplishments from this past year.

Maine has the oldest average age in the nation. As Chairman of the Senate Aging Committee, my top three priorities for the Committee are fighting fraud and financial abuse directed at our nation's seniors, increasing investments in biomedical research, and improving retirement security. Following the Committee's investigation into skyrocketing prescription drug costs, I authored bipartisan legislation to foster generic competition, which was signed into law. The Aging Committee's toll-free hotline (1-855-303-9470) makes it easier for seniors to report suspected fraud and receive assistance. To support the 40 million family caregivers in the United States, I am proud to have authored the RAISE Family Caregivers Act to create a coordinated strategy to support family members who make countless personal and financial sacrifices to care for their loved ones.

The opioid crisis touches families and communities across our state. As a member of the Appropriations Committee, I fought for significant increases in funding to support community, law-enforcement, and public health efforts. In April, the State of Maine was awarded over \$2 million to fight this devastating public health crisis. Additionally, I have authored legislation to support grandparents and other extended family members who are raising grandchildren as a result of the nation's opioid epidemic.

Biomedical research has the potential to improve and save lives, and also supports good jobs at research facilities here in Maine. Last year, the Appropriations Committee approved a \$2 billion increase for the National Institutes of Health for the third consecutive year. This includes an increase of nearly 30 percent for research on Alzheimer's, our nation's most costly disease. As founder and co-chair of the Senate Diabetes Caucus, I work to raise awareness of the threats posed by diabetes, invest in research, and improve access to treatment options. My bill to establish a national commission of health care experts on diabetes care and prevention was signed into law in 2017.

We owe our veterans so much. Last year, I worked to secure the authorization of a Community-Based Outpatient Clinic in Portland to support the health care of Maine's veterans in the southern part of our state. I also worked to secure funding extensions to help veterans throughout rural Maine receive health care within their communities. I also worked to secure funding for housing vouchers for veterans to reduce veterans' homelessness.

Maine's contributions to our national security stretch from Kittery to Limestone. I successfully advocated for critical funding for projects at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard for construction of an additional ship that will likely be built at Bath Iron Works. This funding will strengthen our national security and preserve great jobs in our state.

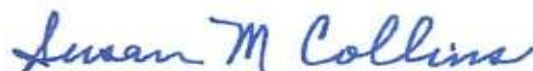
As chairman of the Transportation and Housing Appropriations Subcommittee, I worked to increase funding for the TIGER program that has provided Maine with more than \$122 million for vital transportation projects. For housing, I worked to provide \$160 million to help communities protect children from the harmful effects of lead poisoning.

Growing our economy remains a top priority. I supported the comprehensive tax reform bill because it will help lower- and middle-income families keep more of their hard-earned money; boost the economy; and encourage businesses, both small and large, to grow and create jobs here in Maine and around the country. This legislation contains key provisions I authored that are important to Mainers, including preserving the deduction for state and local taxes, expanding the deduction for medical expenses, and enabling public employees such as firefighters, teachers, and police officers, as well as clergy and employees of nonprofits, to make "catch-up" contributions to their retirement accounts. I led the effort to ensure that the tax cut will not trigger automatic budget cuts to Medicare or any other programs.

A Maine value that always guides me is our unsurpassed work ethic. As of December 2017, I have cast more than 6,500 consecutive votes, continuing my record of never missing a roll-call vote since my Senate service began in 1997.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve Kennebec County and Maine in the United States Senate. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact my Augusta office at 207-622-8414 or visit my website at www.collins.senate.gov. May 2018 be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator



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PAUL R. LePAGE

GOVERNOR

Dear Citizens of Rome:

For the past seven years as your Governor, my priority has been to make Maine—our people—prosper. Helping you keep more money in your wallet by reducing taxes has been part of that mission.

Too many Maine families are facing skyrocketing property taxes that strain household budgets. Our elderly on fixed incomes are particularly vulnerable to these increases. School budgets are often blamed for annual increases in property taxes. But there's another reason. A tremendous amount of land and property value has been taken off the tax rolls, leaving homeowners to pick up the tab.

As of 2016, towns and cities owned land and buildings valued at nearly \$5.5 billion statewide. Large and wealth non-profits, such as hospitals and colleges, often escape paying property taxes on their vast real estate holdings—totaling more than \$5.1 billion statewide.

In Maine, nearly 2.5 million acres of land have been set aside for conservation by the federal and state governments and non-profit organizations, including land trusts. Municipalities are losing out on property taxes on an estimated \$2 billion in land that has been either removed from the tax rolls or prohibited from development—shifting the cost of municipal services to local homeowners through higher property taxes.

It's time to recognize the results of taking property off the tax rolls and identify solutions to reduce the burden on our homeowners. My administrations' proposals have been met with staunch resistance.

In 1993, about 35,800 acres of land were documented as land-trust owned. That number has increased by an astonishing 1,270 percent. Land trusts now control over 490,000 acres with an estimated value of \$403 million. We must restore the balance. We will be working this session to ensure all land owners are contributing to the local tax base. It's time for them to pay their fair share.

I encourage you to ask your local officials how much land in your municipality has been taken off the tax rolls, as well as how much in tax revenue that land would have been contributing today to offset your property taxes.

If ever I can be of assistance to you or if you have any questions or suggestions, I encourage you to contact my office by calling 287-3531 or by visiting our website at www.maine.gov/governor.

Sincerely,

Paul R. LePage
Governor



Annual Report to the Town of Rome

A Message from Senator Rod Whittemore

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to represent you in the Maine Senate. It has been an honor to work on your behalf to make our state an even better place to live, work and conduct business.

On August 2, Maine lawmakers finally adjourned for the year, after what proved to be the longest session in recent memory due to a brief government shut down over budgetary disagreements. While no state budget is ever perfect, the end product was a state budget that makes a record investment in our students, supports our communities and will tremendously benefit small businesses and our economy.

Perhaps the most significant action the Legislature took last year, as part of the biennial budget, was the removal of the burdensome, job-killing surtax that was already hurting small businesses, doctors and other professionals that we so critically need. In November 2016, voters sent a clear message that education funding was to be a priority of the 128th Legislature, and we heard that message loud and clear. However, the funding mechanism which was included in the measure – the surtax – presented a serious threat to the state's economy. This new tax gave Maine the ominous distinction of being the highest-taxed state in the country and primarily impacted small businesses, which are the backbone of our economy, taxing them at a rate that is higher than larger corporations are subject to pay. I am proud to say that after much hard work and negotiating, thanks to our rebounding economy, we were able to support our local schools at a level we have never been able to before – without any additional taxation.

The Homestead Exemption, which provides much-needed property tax relief for homeowners, was also preserved in the budget with an increased exemption of \$20,000.

The Legislature also passed a measure to make Maine compliant with the REAL ID Act. As a result of this important new law, the federal government has granted Maine a waiver, meaning that Maine citizens can continue to use their driver's licenses to board commercial airplanes and access certain federal buildings.

While we accomplished much, there is still a lot of work ahead of us next session. Again, thank you for putting your trust in me to represent you in Augusta. Please feel free to contact me if you need help in navigating the state bureaucracy. I can be reached at home at 474-6703 or in Augusta at 287-1505. I can also be reached by email at rodney.whittemore@legislature.maine.gov. Thank you for allowing me to be your senator.

Sincerely,

Rodney Whittemore
State Senator, District 3



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January 2018

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

It has been an honor to serve as your Representative in the 128th Maine State Legislature. This is a responsibility that I take very seriously. We have faced some very substantial challenges over the past year in the Legislature, and I will continue to represent your interests to the best of my ability.

While we were able to address many issues during the first session, on January 3, 2018, the Legislature came in to begin the second regular session which is the session where we only take up bills considered to be emergency legislation. I can assure you that there are many challenges ahead of us, and I will do my best to address the issues with a thoughtful approach. Maine's drug crisis, Medicaid expansion funding, and recreational marijuana laws will be at the forefront of several issues considered this half of the session.

As many of you know, I am currently the House Republican Lead on the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation. I look forward to continuing to fight against income and property tax increases, as well as finding ways to invest in Maine's future.

It is my hope that I might be a resource to each town, business, school, and individual in our community so that we may all experience economic success. I was elected to the Maine Legislature to represent you, the people of House District 76, and I consider it a privilege to do so. The best way to contact me is via e-mail at Gary.Hilliard@legislature.maine.gov or by phone, which is **287-1440**.

I provide a weekly State News Update via e-mail, which many people find to be useful for learning about state issues that affect their personal and business lives. I would love to add you to the newsletter list; and of course, you may unsubscribe at any time.

Thank you, again, for giving me the honor of serving you in Augusta!

Sincerely,

Gary Hilliard
State Representative

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT

We, the Selectmen of Rome, hereby submit this report of receipts and expenditures for the year ending December 31, 2017:

General Assistance

Raised and Appropriated	3,000.00
Total Expended	4,436.02
Balance	(1,436.02)

Brush Cutting

Raised and Appropriated	8,000.00
Total Expended	8,000.00
Balance	0.00

Roads & Bridges

Raised and Appropriated	30,000.00
Total Expended	40,788.06
Balance	(10,788.06)

Snow Removal

Raised and Appropriated	50,580.00
Total Expended	44,747.61
Balance Lapsed	5,832.39

Fund Disbursements:

Rick Labbe Construction	13,262.50
Carroll Bubar	14,128.64
KVCOG	62.50
Maine Water Works	1,260.15
Maurice Childs	870.00
Sweet Dreams	10.72
Pavement Plus, Inc.	7,927.00
Warren & Kincaid	1,301.52
Brown's Welding	240.43
Robert Wilkinson	1,226.50
Camden National Bank	98.10
Kennebec Welding	400.00
Total Disbursements	40,788.06

Road Signs

Raised and Appropriated	1,200.00
Total Expended	164.76
Balance Lapsed	1,035.24

Selectmen's Expense

Raised and Appropriated	1,500.00
Received from copies	113.00
Total Available	1,613.00
Total Expended	1,394.20
Balance Lapsed	218.80

Town Clerk Expense

Raised and Appropriated	900.00
Total Expended	872.56
Balance Lapsed	27.44

Local Road Assistance

State of Maine	18,120.00
Total Expended (Article 3)	8,370.65
Balance carried	9,749.35

Excise Tax Collector Expense

Raised and Appropriated	500.00
Total Expended	410.30
Balance Lapsed	89.70

Paving

Raised and Appropriated	300,000.00
LRAP	4,470.65
Total Available	304,470.65
Total Expended	304,470.65
Balance	0.00

Treasurer & Tax Collector's Expense

Raised and Appropriated	3,500.00
Received from Copies	21.50
Lien Fees Collected	5,106.19

Total Available	8,627.69
Total Expended	6,222.76
Balance Lapsed	2,404.93

Vital Records

Total Received	723.00
Total Expended	637.40
Balance Carried	85.60

Social Security & Medicare

Raised and Appropriated	9,500.00
Total Expended	7,606.19
Balance Lapsed	1,990.32

Town Officer Salaries

Raised and Appropriated	97,873.00
Total Expended	82,853.00
Balance Lapsed	15,020.00

Street Lighting

Raised and Appropriated	3,000.00
Total Expended	2,343.83
Balance Lapsed	656.17

Emergency Preparedness

Raised and Appropriated	200.00
Total Expended	0.00
Balance Lapsed	200.00

Fire Department

Raised and Appropriated	38,300.00
Total Expended	39,553.65
Balance	(1,253.65)

Fire New Truck CD

Total Deposited	15,000.00
Balanced Carried	69,331.99

Fire Donations

2017 Donations	2,461.22
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Total Donations	5,221.22
Total Expended	2,261.08
Balance Carried	2,960.14

Emergency Dispatch

Raised and Appropriated	10,932.00
Expended to Waterville	2,651.27
Expended to Somerset Co.	2,222.00
Expended to State of Maine	5,536.50
Total Expended	10,409.77
Balance Lapsed	522.23

Insurance

Raised and Appropriated	26,000.00
Total Expended	17,375.62
Balance Lapsed	8,624.38

Community Center

Raised and Appropriated	17,500.00
Total Expended	16,289.86
Balance Lapsed	1,210.14

Town Cemetery Maintenance

Raised and Appropriated	13,000.00
Total Expended	12,720.00
Balance Lapsed	280.00

Old Stone Repair

Raised and Appropriated	2,000.00
Total Expended	0.00
Balance Lapsed	2,000.00

Solid Waste Disposal

Raised and Appropriated	41,000.00
Total Expended	44,799.36
Balance	(3,799.36)

Legal Expense

Carried Forward	7,418.31
Total Expended	1,896.25
Balance Carried	5,522.06

Contingency Fund

Carried Forward	0.00
Revenue Received	9,535.47
Total Expended	2,397.45
Balance Carried	7,138.02

Contingency Revenue Receipts:

Veteran Exemption Reimb	596.00
Tree Growth Reimb	4,558.52
Franchise Fee	4,380.95

Contingency Disbursements:

2017 Scholarships	1,150.00
Daniel Robbins (PB)	400.00
J. Jackson Schultz (PB)	200.00
Lincoln Nye (PB)	200.00
Andrew Cook	100.41
Harris Computer	347.04

Global Towers Legal

Balance Carried	74.34
Total Expended	0.00
Balance Carried	74.34

Plumbing Permits

Revenues Received	3,655.00
Total Expended	3,655.00
Balance	0.00

Building Permits

Revenues Received	2,461.50
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Appeals Board

Revenues Received	50.00
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Planning Board Expense

Raised and Appropriated	1,000.00
Received from copies	5.00
Total available	1,005.00
Total Expended	796.88
Balance Lapsed	208.12

Rome Campership Fund

Carried Forward	614.39
Total Expended	0.00
Balance Carried	614.39

State Revenue Sharing

Revenue Received	17,787.86
Commitment offset	15,000.00
Balance Lapsed	2,787.86

Recreation Committee Account

Carried Forward	706.94
Total Expended	989.42
Park Share Received	806.37
Donations Received	1,825.75
Balance Carried	2,349.64

Auto Excise

Revenue Received	203,062.52
Commitment offset	185,000.00
Balance Lapsed	17,373.71

BMV Registration

Revenue Received	3,731.00
Commitment offset	4,000.00
Balance	(269.00)

Dog License Account

Carried Forward	315.00
Revenue Received	1,200.00
Total Expended	876.00
Balance Carried	639.00

Inland Fisheries & Wildlife Agent Fee

Revenue Received	723.00
Balance Lapsed	723.00

Assessing

Raised and Appropriated	22,000.00
Total Expended	21,999.96
Balance Lapsed	0.04

Rescue Department

Raised and Appropriated	11,950.00
Total Expended	5,775.62
Balance Lapsed	6,174.38

Rescue New Truck CD

Total Deposited	10,000.00
Balance Carried	40,187.24

Rescue Donations

Carried Forward	1,000.00
2017 Donations Received	650.00
Balance Carried	1,650.00

FirstPark/KRDA

Raised and Appropriated	28,468.00
Total Expended	28,070.87
Balance Lapsed	397.13

Homestead Exemption

Revenue Received	21,323.22
Commitment offset	23,206.74
Balance	(1,883.52)

Auditing

Raised and Appropriated	5,000.00
Total Expended	3,900.00
Balance Lapsed	1,100.00

Maine Municipal Assoc. Dues

Raised and Appropriated	2,015.00
Total Expended	2,015.00
Balance	0.00

Town Report Printing

Raised and Appropriated	1,003.00
Total Expended	1,410.00
Balance	(407.00)

RSU 18- Education

Balance Carried	28,438.81
Budgeted	1,756,000.00
Total Expended	1,784,438.81
Balance Carried	11,561.19

Kennebec County Tax

Balance Carried	31,024.16
Budgeted	267,975.84
Total Expended	299,000.00
Balance Carried	641.67

KVCOG

Raised and Appropriated	3,367.00
Total Expended	3,367.00
Balance	0.00

Notary Service

Raised and Appropriated	500.00
Total Expended	500.00
Balance	0.00

Humane Society Contract

Raised and Appropriated	1,478.23
Total Expended	0.00
Balance Lapsed	1,478.23

BRCA- Courtesy Boat Inspection

Raised and Appropriated	3,600.00
Total Expended	3,600.00
Balance	0.00

Rome Ruff Riders

Raised and Appropriated	1,000.00
Total Expended	1,000.00
Balance	0.00

North Pond Association- Milfoil

Raised and Appropriated	1,000.00
Total Expended	1,000.00
Balance	0.00

Family Violence

Raised and Appropriated	750.00
Total Expended	750.00
Balance	0.00

Kennebec Behavioral Health

Raised and Appropriated	600.00
Total Expended	600.00
Balance	0.00

Spectrum Generations

Raised and Appropriated	638.00
Total Expended	638.00
Balance	0.00

Belgrade-Rome Special Needs Food Pantry

Raised and Appropriated	1,500.00
Total Expended	1,500.00
Balance	0.00

Crisis & Counseling

Raised and Appropriated	350.00
Total Expended	350.00
Balance	0.00

Belgrade Lakes Association

Raised and Appropriated	12,000.00
Total Expended	12,000.00
Balance	0.00

LifeFlight of Maine

Raised and Appropriated	500.00
Total Expended	500.00
Balance	0.00

Maine Public (formerly, MPBN)

Raised and Appropriated	100.00
Total Expended	100.00
Balance	0.00

FINANCIAL REPORTS

As Treasurer of the Town of Rome. I hereby submit the following reports for the fiscal year
January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Revenue Summary Report

Balance January 1, 2017		\$113,042.39
2018 Prepaid Tax Accounts	25,594.11	
2017 Tax Accounts	2,489,083.20	
2016 Tax Accounts	132,818.85	
Tax Liens	58,359.51	
Excise Tax Auto	203,062.52	
Auto Agent	3,371.00	
Boat Excise	8,114.00	
Inland Fisheries Agent	723.00	
Excise & Clerk Mailing	34.65	
Dog Account	1,188.00	
Vital Records	622.80	
Building Permits	2,461.50	
Junkyard Permits	150.00	
Burn Permits	54.00	
Bank Interest	10,006.14	
Interest Taxes	7,836.69	
Non-sufficient Funds	75.00	
Lien Fees Collected	5,159.78	
All Copies Collected	139.50	
Dump Stickers	112.00	
Reimbursement from Smithfield (CEO)	121.50	
Appeals	50.00	
Time Warner Franchise Fee	4,380.95	
Landfill Reimbursement (PTC)	1,200.00	
Campership Donation	200.00	
Scholarship Donation	42.25	
FirstPark/KRDA	11,927.64	
MMA Workers' Comp Dividend	2,723.00	
Cemetery Lot Sales	1,050.00	
Community Center Rental	900.00	
Recreation Lawn Sale	1,273.50	
Recreation Donation	552.25	
Fire Department Grant	1,288.83	
Fire Department Donation	2,461.22	
Fire Department Efficiency Maine	660.00	
Rescue Donations	450.00	
Public Works/Roads Donations	10,000.00	

FROM STATE GOVERNMENT		
State Revenue Sharing	\$17,787.86	
Homestead Reimbursement	21,323.00	
Veterans Reimbursement	596.00	
Tree Growth Reimbursement	4,558.52	
Snowmobile Reimbursement	271.42	
State Park Sharing	806.37	
Local Roads Assistance Program	18,372.00	
General Assistance Reimbursement	2,326.81	
TOTAL REVENUE	3,054,649.37	
Total 2017 Warrants	3,025,988.68	
Transferred to Savings	\$ 100,000.00	
Balance		128,660.69
Ending Bank Balance		241,703.08

MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT	
Balance January 1, 2017	\$672,318.07
2017 Interest	9,800.77
Received from Checking	100,000.00
Balance December 31, 2017	782,118.84

CEMETERY TRUST	
Balance January 1, 2017	\$7,021.29
2017 Interest	3.51
Balance December 31, 2017	7,024.80

RECREATION ACCOUNT	
Balance January 1, 2017	\$706.94
2017 Interest	0.71
Total Expenses	989.42
Donation Revenues	1,825.75
Park Share Revenue	806.37
Balance December 31, 2017	2,350.35

TRANSFER STATION RESERVE CD	
Balance January 1, 2017	\$139,835.76
Raised at Town Meeting	2,500.00
2017 Interest	211.66
Balance December 31, 2017	142,547.42

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEW TRUCK CD	
Balance January 1, 2017	\$54,239.86
Raised at Town Meeting	15,000.00
2017 Interest	92.13
Balance December 31, 2017	69,331.99

FIRE DEPARTMENT ENTERPRISE SAVINGS	
Beginning Balance	\$6,486.95
2017 Interest	3.08
Balance December 31, 2017	6,490.03

RESCUE DEPARTMENT NEW TRUCK CD	
Balance January 1, 2017	\$30,134.89
Raised at Town Meeting	10,000.00
2017 Interest	52.35
Balance December 31, 2017	40,187.24

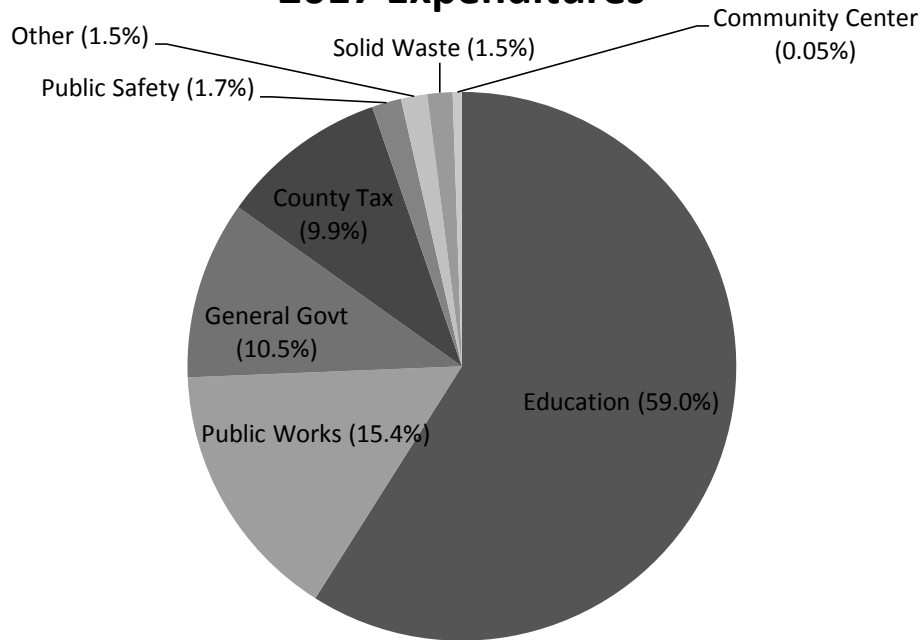
LEGAL CAPITAL RESERVE	
Raised at Town Meeting	\$5,000.00

COMMUNITY CENTER RESERVE	
Raised at Town Meeting	\$10,000.00

Tax Collector and Treasurer's Expense

Kennebec County Registry of Deeds	
Discharge of tax liens	1,433.00
Register of tax liens	\$1,444.00
Disk to Assessor	125.58
Postage and envelopes, tax billing	2,156.24
Office supplies- paper, checks, labels, etc.	466.44
Printer ink	318.22
Printer	224.28
Maine Municipal Fees	55.00
TOTAL	6,222.76

2017 Expenditures



Education	\$1,784,438.81
Public Works	465,504.28
General Government	317,414.60
County Tax	298,358.33
Public Safety	52,302.58
Other	46,880.86
Solid Waste	44,799.36
Community Center	16,289.86
TOTAL	3,025,988.68

Respectfully Submitted,

TAMMY J. LYONS
Treasurer

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

As Tax Collector of the Town of Rome. I hereby submit the following reports for the fiscal year
January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

2017 Tax Account

Commitment		2,641,412.20
Real Estate	2,637,529.08	
Personal	3,883.12	
	Total to Collect	2,641,412.20
Supplemental		
Central Maine Power	3,298.27	
	Total Supplemental	3,298.27
Abatements		
Antonio Bellavance	14.35	
	Total Abatements	14.35
Balance To Be Collected		2,644,696.12
Less 2017 Tax Money Received		2,532,284.16
Less Prepaid 2017 Taxes		8,563.83
Unpaid 2017 Taxes		103,848.13

2017 UNPAID TAXES

ADAMS, MICHAEL	8.07
ALLEN REVOCABLE TENANCY BY ENTIRETY TRUST	281.66
ALMEIDA, ANTHONY E	461.06
AMRHEIN, ERICH H.	43.95
AMRHEIN, ERICH H.	75.35
BACHELDER, TERRY	177.61
BARBIONI, JOSEPH E	504.11
BELANGER, JONATHAN	171.33
BELANGER, JONATHAN	154.33
BELGRADE APARTMENTS LLC	4,097.5
BELLUCHE, TERENCE DENNIS	173.66
BENSON, LAWRENCE & DOROTHY	3.59
BOUCHARD, PETER L., JR.	4,546.53
BOUCHARD, PETER L.II	2,035.29
BRICKETT, ROBBIE & KATIE	21.53
BROOK, CINDY	746.30
BROUSSEAU, J. EDWARD & JOYCE MARIE	185.68

	BROUSSEAU, JEAN EDWARD & LYNN ANN	904.18
	BROUSSEAU, JEAN EDWARD & LYNN ANN	107.64
	BROWN, RALPH JR.	26.91
	BRYDEN, ROBERT C. & RUTH J.	1,583.21
	BURGESS, ROBERT J.	3.59
	BURNHAM, WILBUR & EVELYN	191.96
	BURNHAM, WILBUR K	169.53
	BURTON, SUZANNE REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST	3,698.33
	CADDICK, FRANCES LESTINA	3.59
	CAMERON, PAUL H.	3.59
	CICHON, MR. & MRS. JOHN	3.59
	CLOUKEY, LAURA F & BRENDAN	326.51
	COLLINS, THOMAS B.	3.59
	CONNOR, ROBERT & JANE	76.70
	COTE, HEATHER M.	2,307.98
**	COTTRELL, JACQUELINE R	603.48
**	DENNIS, JOANNA B.	3,900.16
	DEVLAMINCK, SHIRLEY A.	3.59
	DISALVO, SALVATORE	123.79
	DIXON, TAMMY TRUSTEE	169.53
**	DONAHUE, JOHN A.	2,310.59
	DROST, ROGER J.	14.35
	DUPLESSIS, LEO A. & CAROL M.	5,611.63
	DURANTE, AMERICO J.	862.02
	EASTMAN, TREVOR E	162.21
	EBNER, JACQUELINE	2,600.4
	ELLIOT, CLIFTON	449.40
	FALCONER, G. PAUL & CHRISTINE	1,477.36
	FARRIN BROS. & SMITH INC.	195.55
	FORREST, CAROL ANN	540.89
	FOSS, STEPHEN A. & SHEILA	357.01
	FRIEND, MARK D.	1,104.41
	FUGATE, JOHN ROBERT	2,073.86
	GAMBLIN, NORMAN R.	610.86
	GIGGEY, COLBY E	94.19
	GILBERT, JASON ROGER	1,524.90
	GREENLEAF, MARION & IRVING	901.49
	GREENLEAF, ROLAND JAMES	327.41
	GUERETTE, PROPERTIES LLC	285.25
	HAFENECKER, MELISSA DOWNING	217.97
	HARTMAN, BRUCE & DANUTA	3.59
	HAWES, KEVIN	118.73
	HAWES, KEVIN	228.74
	HAWES, KEVIN	228.74
	HAWES, KEVIN S.	64.58
	HAWES, KEVIN SCOTT	93.29
**	HAWES, ROSIE B TRUST	56.51
	HENRY, DEBBORA A	280.24

	HESS, ALLEN & MELINDA	1,965.33
	HICHBORN, CONRAD A	985.80
	HINKLEY, PRISCILLA & DEBORAH	217.97
	HIKSON, DOREEN, SMITH, LISA &	46.64
	HOGAN JR., JOHN S. & MARJORIE	17.04
	HOLMES, SHARON	0.90
	HORGAN, S.R.	8.07
	HUMPHREY, MARJORIE L. AS TRUSTEE	3,277.64
**	JABAR, GEORGE M II	6,959.82
**	JABAR, GEORGE M II	3,831.98
	JOHNSON, SUE-ANNE	13.44
	JOHNSON, SUE-ANNE	8.97
	JONES, DR. C.K. & FRED A	12.56
	KOSLOSKI, JOHN A. & KATHERINE V.	3.02
	LAPLANTE, DORTHY T	214.38
	LAUNIERE, SYLVAIN J.	816.27
	LIBERTY, STEVEN A	718.50
**	LOFSTROM, JASON	1,297.06
	LOWELL, HOWARD (1/2 INT)	172.05
	LUONGO, FRANK & ANNA	378.43
	MAMONOV, VALERY M	206.31
	MCDONOUGH, FRANCIS M. & MARJORIE J	3.59
	MCLAUGHLIN, ELLEN	3.59
	MCLAUGHLIN, ELLEN	3.59
	MCLAUGHLIN, ELLEN	3.59
	MCLAUGHLIN, ELLEN	3.59
	MCLAUGHLIN, ELLEN	3.59
	MCLAUGHLIN, ELLEN	3.59
	MCLAUGHLIN, ELLEN	3.59
	MCLAUGHLIN, ELLEN J	3.59
	MCLAUGHLIN, ELLEN J	25.12
	MCLAUGHLIN, JAY	3.59
	MCLAUGHLIN, JAY	2,240.71
**	MCLAUGHLIN, JAY	4,336.10
	MCLAUGHLIN, JAY	3.59
	MCLAUGHLIN, JAY	3.59
	MCLAUGHLIN, JAY	3.59
	MCLAUGHLIN, JAY	3.59
	MCLAUGHLIN, JAY	3.59
	MCLAUGHLIN, JAY	3.59
	MCLAUGHLIN, JAY	3.59
	MCLAUGHLIN, JAY	3.59
	MCLURE, DOUGLAS & KATHLEEN (LIFE ESTATE)	4,049.96
	MCQUILKIN JR., JOHN R.	8.07
	METRICK, ANNETTE	625.21
	MILLER, BLAINE D	1.63

	MOREAU, ROBERT A. SR. & JANICE	1,723.14
	MOREAU, ROBERT A. SR. & JANICE L. (LIFE ESTATE)	876.37
**	MORSE, DANA L	149.80
	MOSHER FAMILY TRUST (LIFE LEASE)	605.48
	MOSHER, NICHOLAS	252.06
	MURRAY, LAURA	353.42
	MUSTO, MARIA REALTY TRUST	139.04
	MYDER, EDWARD	318.44
	MYERS, SHANNON	239.50
	MYERS, SHANNON	99.57
	OSBORNE, GREGORY R	1,719.55
	OSBORNE, GREGORY R.	984.01
	PARADIS, FERNANDO & PEARL	191.06
	PEARL, EDWARD I. JR. & BETH A.	282.56
	PECORARO. LAURA J	3.59
	PELLETIER, URIA D.J.	849.46
	PERKINS, THEODORE A	749.00
	PERRAULT, JAMES	8.97
	PERRY, MICHAEL P	155.18
	PHILBRICK, JAMES	64.58
	PHILBRICK, JAMES	64.58
	PHILBRICK, JAMES	806.40
	PHILBRICK, JAMES	97.77
	PHILLIPS, DENNIS W	360.59
	PHINNEY, ROBERT N & PHINNEY, MICHAEL A	50.23
	PINEWOOD POINT ASSOCIATION	7.18
	PUTNEY, GREGORY	3.59
	RAZVODOVSKY, VITALY	178.50
	RAZVODOVSKY, VITALY	123.79
	REAL, JAMES A.	589.33
	REAL, LESLEY	7.18
	RICHARDS, KIM C	123.79
	RUST, JENNIFER L	123.79
	SAAL, FREDERICK W & LISA M	282.56
	SAAL, FREDERICK W.	3,498.30
	SAAL, FREDERICK W. & LISA M.	25.12
	SAAL, FREDERICK W. & LISA M.	1,556.30
	SALVAS, CRAIG A	3.59
	SAUNDERS, LEONARD A	94.19
	SAWYER, WALTER H III	183.06
**	SCHWARTZ, ROGER J. & HOWARD I.,	41.77
**	SILVERMAN, MARTIN & STEPHAN	98.67
	SPENCE, GERARD B	1,129.32
	SPENCE, WILLIAM G. & PATRICIA A.	301.39
	ST. PIERRE, JAMES L.	8.97
**	STERNISA, DOTTI	47.01
	STEWART, MOLLY K	206.31
	THOMAS, LLOYD & LYNN	3.59

	VALENCIA, PAULA F.	78.94
	VLODEK, KENNETH T	123.79
	VLODEK, KENNETH T	36.78
	WHEELER, WENDALL	73.32
	WHEELER, WENDALL	8.07
	WHITCOMB, THOMAS	454.78
	WHITEHURST, SHEENA	105.85
**	WHITNEY, MATTHEW W	169.53
	WILLETTE, HUNTER	197.34
	WILLETTE, HUNTER	64.58
	WITHAM, LESLIE L III	383.92
	ZIMBA, THEODORE	68.99
	Total 2017 Unpaid Taxes	103,848.13

** PAID AFTER 12/31/2017

2016 UNPAID TAXES

BROOK, CINDY	827.89
BROUSSEAU, JEAN EDWARD & LYNN ANN	884.02
BROUSSEAU, JEAN EDWARD & LYNN ANN	67.80
BURGESS, ROBERT J.	3.51
BURNHAM, WILBUR & EVELYN	231.53
BURNHAM, WILBUR K	165.75
DEVLAMINCK, SHIRLEY A.	3.51
DIXON, TAMMY TRUSTEE	209.60
DROST, ROGER J.	14.03
ELLIOT, CLIFTON	87.47
FARRIN BROS. & SMITH INC.	191.19
FOSS, STEPHEN A. & SHEILA	392.90
GREENLEAF, MARION & IRVING	3.61
HARTMAN, BRUCE & DANUTA	3.51
HINKLEY, PRISCILLA & DEBORAH	213.11
HIXSON, DOREEN, SMITH, LISA &	45.60
HORGAN, S.R.	7.89
JONES, DR. C.K. & FRED A	12.28
LAPLANTE, DORTHY T	74.08
LAUNIERE, SYLVAIN J.	798.07
LIBERTY, STEVEN A	702.48
MCDONOUGH, FRANCIS M. & MARJORIE	3.51
METRICK, ANNETTE	611.27
MOREAU, ROBERT A. SR. & JANICE	1,684.72
MOREAU, ROBERT A. SR. & JANICE L. LIFE ESTATE	900.68
MUSTO, MARIA REALTY TRUST	135.94
MYERS, SHANNON	234.16
MYERS, SHANNON	97.35

PEARL, EDWARD I. JR. & BETH A.	320.11
PECORARO. LAURA J	3.51
PELLETIER, URIA D.J.	816.49
PERRAULT, JAMES	8.77
SAAL, FREDERICK W & LISA M	276.26
SAAL, FREDERICK W.	3,420.30
SAAL, FREDERICK W. & LISA M.	1,521.60
SAUNDERS, LEONARD A	82.75
THOMAS, LLOYD & LYNN	3.51
VLODEK, KENNETH T	121.03
VLODEK, KENNETH T	35.96
WHITCOMB, THOMAS	444.64
WHITEHURST, SHEENA	103.49
Total 2016 Unpaid Taxes	15,765.88

FORECLOSED 2015 TAX LIENS

	Map/Lot	Principal Only
DEVLAMINCK, SHIRLEY	29-084	4.64
MARIA MUSTO REALTY TRUST	15II-001	171.19
McDONOUGH, FRANCIS & MARJORIE	30-154	4.64
MOREAU, ROBERT A. SR & JANICE	31-020	1,499.04
TOTAL		1,679.81

MATURED TAX LIENS – ALL YEARS

ALOYA, AHAMAD	14-050 & 051	111.75
CORMIER, JOSEPH V	15-268	437.18
DEVLAMINCK, SHIRLEY	29-084	11.74
GILBERT, VIRGINIA	29-130	11.85
KELLEY, JAMES & JENNIFER	14A-069	38.07
McDONOUGH, FRANCIS & MARJORIE	30-154	11.74
MILLIGAN, ROBERT & DOROTHY	15-284	197.20
MOREAU, ROBERT A. SR & JANICE	31-020	103.49
O'KEEFE, DANIEL	30-166	11.85
MARIA MUSTO REALTY TRUST	15II-001	446.47
TOTAL		6,184.75

Total Overlay

Overlay	52,881.40
Tax Discounts	54,336.22
Abatements	4,475.38
Balance	(5,930.20)

Interest on Taxes & Liens

2017 Interest Collected	7,836.69
Balance Lapsed	7,836.69

Respectfully Submitted,

TAMMY J. LYONS
Tax Collector

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MANDATORY APPROPRIATIONS

These payments are mandated by State law or other intergovernmental agreement

Rome's contractual obligation in 2017 to Kennebec Regional Development Authority (KRDA)/FirstPark was \$28,468. The revenue received by the Town as return on investment was \$11,927.64. This is a return on investment of -\$16,540.36 or -58.1%

Rome's taxation paid to Kennebec County in 2017 was \$298,358.33. This was an increase of approximately \$2,820 over previous year.

In 2017, Rome made total payments to Regional School Unit #18 in the amount of \$1,784,438.81. This equates to approximately \$13,726 local tax dollars per student. This total accounts for six payments on the 2016-17 school budget and six payments on the 2017-18 school budget.

The total number of Rome students attending RSU #18 is 130, as of October 1, 2017. Typically, Rome students attend Pre-K through Grade 5 at Belgrade Central School, Grades 6-8 at Messalonskee Middle School, and Grades 9-12 at Messalonskee High School.

Rome Student Enrollment Breakdown

	Oct 2017	Oct 2016
Pre-K	6	5
Kindergarten	14	5
Grade 1	5	6
Grade 2	8	10
Grade 3	11	11
Grade 4	10	9
Grade 5	10	8
Grade 6	10	9
Grade 7	10	16
Grade 8	14	8
Grades 9-12	32	25
<u>Total Students</u>	<u>130</u>	<u>112</u>

TOWN WARRANT

MARCH 9-10, 2018

To: Residents of the Town of Rome

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Rome, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Rome Community Center, in said Town on Friday, March 9, 2018, at 11:45 a.m. to elect a moderator to preside at said meeting, to elect town officers and officials for the ensuing year, and act upon Articles 2 through 3. Polls are to be opened from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at which time the meeting will be recessed; the recessed meeting will be reconvened at the Rome Community Center at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 10, 2018, then and there to act upon the remaining articles in the warrant.

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To proceed with voting by Australian ballot system to elect First Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor for a term of one year; Second Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor for a term of one year; Third Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor for a term of one year; Town Clerk for a term of one year; Tax Collector for a term of one year; Treasurer for a term of one year; Road Commissioner for a term of one year; and RSU 18 School Board Director for a term of three years.

Article 3. To vote by secret ballot on the following Referendum Question:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$315,000 for the paving and reconstruction of North Pond Road and to appropriate all monies received from the Local Road Assistance Program (LRAP) to fund this project.

Board of Selectmen Recommends Approval 3-0

Budget Committee Recommends Approval 5-0

Article 4. To see if the Town will allow non-residents who have information pertaining to Article 5 through Article 63 to speak.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to change the method of selection of the Town Clerk from being elected for a one-year term to being appointed annually by the Board of Selectmen effective as of the 2019 annual Town Meeting.

Board of Selectmen Recommends Approval 3-0

Budget Committee Recommends Approval 2 in favor, 3 abstentions

- Article 6.** To see if the Town will vote to change the method of selection of the Town Treasurer from being elected for a one-year term to being appointed annually by the Board of Selectmen effective as of the 2019 annual Town Meeting.
Board of Selectmen Recommends Approval 3-0
Budget Committee Recommends Approval 2 in favor, 3 abstentions
- Article 7.** To see if the Town will vote to change the method of selection of the Property Tax Collector from being elected for a one-year term to being appointed annually by the Board of Selectmen effective as of the 2019 annual Town Meeting.
Board of Selectmen Recommends Approval 3-0
Budget Committee Recommends Approval 2 in favor, 3 abstentions
- Article 8.** To see if the Town will vote to allow the Board of Selectmen to appropriate an amount not to exceed three-twelfths (3/12) of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the 2018 annual budget during the period of January 1, 2019 to March 10, 2019.
Board of Selectmen Recommends Approval 3-0
Budget Committee Recommends Approval 5-0
- Article 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 for General Assistance. FY 2017 Spent \$4,436
Board of Selectmen Recommends Approval 3-0
Budget Committee Recommends Approval 5-0
- Article 10.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$19,000 for the maintenance and operation of the Rome Community Center. FY 2017 Spent \$16,237
Board of Selectmen Recommends Approval 3-0
Budget Committee Recommends Approval 5-0
- Article 11.** To see if the Town will vote to establish the Community Center Reserve Account; to transfer and appropriate the current balance of \$10,000 from the Community Center Capital Account to the reserve account; and to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for the reserve account.
Board of Selectmen Recommends Approval 3-0
Budget Committee Recommends Approval 5-0
- Article 12.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$15,000 for the care and maintenance of Rome cemeteries. FY 2017 Spent \$12,720
Board of Selectmen Recommends Approval 3-0
Budget Committee Recommends Approval 5-0
- Article 13.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000 for the repair of old cemetery stones in Town-maintained cemeteries. FY 2017 Spent \$0
Board of Selectmen Recommends Approval 3-0
Budget Committee Recommends Approval 5-0

- Article 14.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$30,000 for the repair of Town-maintained roads and bridges. FY 2017 Spent \$40,788
Board of Selectmen Recommends Approval 3-0
Budget Committee Recommends Approval 5-0
- Article 15.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for roadside mowing and the cutting of brush along Town-maintained roads. FY 2017 Spent \$8,000
Board of Selectmen Recommends Approval 3-0
Budget Committee Recommends Approval 5-0
- Article 16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$67,750 for the snow plowing and sanding of Town-maintained roads. FY 2017 Spent \$64,633
Board of Selectmen Recommends Approval 3-0
Budget Committee Recommends Approval 5-0
- Article 17.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$50,580 for the purchase and stockpiling of salt and sand. FY 2017 Spent \$44,748
Board of Selectmen Recommends Approval 3-0
Budget Committee Recommends Approval 5-0
- Article 18.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,000 for the payment of street lighting, to include the lighting at the salt/sand shed on Hillside Lane. FY 2017 Spent \$2,344
Board of Selectmen Recommends Approval 3-0
Budget Committee Recommends Approval 3-2
- Article 19.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$500 for the purchase and installation of street signs for Town-maintained roads. FY 2017 Spent \$165
Board of Selectmen Recommends Approval 3-0
Budget Committee Recommends Approval 5-0
- Article 20.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,500 for maintenance at the Town's salt and sand shed. FY 2017 Spent \$4,843
Board of Selectmen Recommends Approval 3-0
Budget Committee Recommends Approval 5-0
- Article 21.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$18,000 for Property, Casualty, Workers' Compensation, and Unemployment insurance premiums. FY 2017 Spent \$17,376
Board of Selectmen Recommends Approval 3-0
Budget Committee Recommends Approval 5-0

- Article 22.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$500 for Notary Fees. FY 2017 Spent \$500
Board of Selectmen Recommends Approval 3-0
Budget Committee Recommends Approval 5-0
- Article 23.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 for the legally required auditing of Town books and records. FY 2017 Spent \$3,900
Board of Selectmen Recommends Approval 3-0
Budget Committee Recommends Approval 5-0
- Article 24.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$22,750 for Assessing Services. FY 2017 Spent \$22,000
Board of Selectmen Recommends Approval 3-0
Budget Committee Recommends Approval 5-0
- Article 25.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$43,000 to fund the Town's solid waste disposal contract with Waste Management/Crossroads in Norridgewock. FY 2017 Spent \$44,799
Board of Selectmen Recommends Approval 3-0
Budget Committee Recommends Approval 5-0
- Article 26.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,515 to fund the Town's contract with Somerset Humane Society. FY 2017 Spent \$1,478
Board of Selectmen Recommends Approval 3-0
Budget Committee Recommends Approval 5-0
- Article 27.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,408 for membership in Kennebec Valley Council of Governments (KVCOG). FY 2017 Spent \$3,367
Board of Selectmen Recommends Approval 3-0
Budget Committee Recommends Approval 5-0
- Article 28.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,124 for membership in Maine Municipal Association (MMA). FY 2017 Spent \$2,015
Board of Selectmen Recommends Approval 3-0
Budget Committee Recommends Approval 5-0
- Article 29.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$9,700 for TRIO software licensing, registrations, and technical support. FY 2017 Spent \$8,850
Board of Selectmen Recommends Approval 3-0
Budget Committee Recommends Approval 5-0
- Article 30.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,400 for the contract governing the operation and maintenance of the Belgrade Region Dams. FY 2017 Spent \$5,400
Board of Selectmen Recommends Approval 3-0
Budget Committee Recommends Approval 5-0

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,410 for the printing of the annual town report. FY 2017 Spent \$1,410
 Board of Selectmen Recommends Approval 3-0
 Budget Committee Recommends Approval 5-0

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to establish the Legal Services reserve account; to transfer and appropriate the current balance of \$5,000 from the Legal Expense capital account to the reserve account and to appropriate \$5,521.75 from the Legal Expense account; and to raise and appropriate \$5,000 for the reserve account. FY 2017 Spent \$1,896
 Board of Selectmen Recommends Approval 3-0
 Budget Committee Recommends Approval 5-0

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$14,050 for the following expense accounts. FY 2017 Spent \$8,136

	Proposed 2018	Spent FY 2017	Fees/Sales 2017	Budget 2017
Selectmen	\$1,750	\$1,394.20	\$225	\$1,500
Excise Tax Collector	\$500	\$410.30	\$12.65	\$500
Town Clerk	\$900	\$872.56	\$22	\$900
Tax Collector/Treasurer	\$9,000	\$3,662.43	\$5,256.34	\$3,500
Planning Board	\$1,000	\$896.88	\$126.50	\$1,000
Code Travel Expense	\$900	\$900	-	\$900
Total	\$14,050	\$8,136.37	\$5,642.49	\$8,300

Board of Selectmen Recommends Approval 3-0
 Budget Committee Recommends Approval 5-0

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the appropriation of \$214,400 in anticipated revenues to offset the 2018 tax commitment.

Auto Excise	\$195,000
Boat Excise	\$7,500
Office/Agent Fees	\$4,500
TCT Revenues	\$5,000
Selectman Revenues	\$200
KRDA/FirstPark	\$10,000
Landfill Reimburse	\$1,200
Total	\$214,400

Board of Selectmen Recommends Approval 3-0
 Budget Committee Recommends Approval 5-0

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$9,500 for the Town's contribution to Social Security and Medicare. FY 2017 Spent \$8,856
 Board of Selectmen Recommends Approval 3-0
 Budget Committee Recommends Approval 5-0

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$98,905 for municipal officers' and officials' salaries.

	Proposed 2018	Spent FY 2017	Budget 2017
First Selectman	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
Second Selectman	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500
Third Selectman	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500
Property Tax Collector	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$22,000
Treasurer	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500
Road Commissioner	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Town Clerk (\$14.50/hr)	\$12,064*	\$8,901	\$11,648*
Excise Tax Collector (\$14.50/hr)	\$12,064*	\$8,306	\$11,648*
Registrar of Voters	\$720	\$720	\$720
Assistant to the Selectman	\$2,500	\$2,250	\$2,500
RSU 18 School Board Director	\$250	\$250	\$250
Meeting Moderator (\$100 per mtg/event)	\$300	\$376	\$300
Election Warden (\$11/hr)	\$517	\$149	\$517
Ballot Clerk (\$10/hr)	\$1,540	\$845	\$1,540
Code Enforcement Officer (\$26/hr)	\$14,300	\$10,803	\$14,300
Licensed Plumbing Inspector **	¾ fees	\$ -	¾ fees
Health Officer	\$100	\$100	\$100
911 Addressing Director	\$500	\$500	\$500
Planning Board (\$200 per meeting)	\$1,200	\$1,000	\$1,000
Board of Appeals (\$100 per meeting)	\$500	\$500	\$500
Fire Chief	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Assistant Fire Chief	\$500	\$500	\$500
Rescue Chief	\$500	\$500	\$500
Emergency Management Director	\$250	\$500	\$250
Sexton	\$500	\$500	\$500
Animal Control Officer (\$30 per call)	\$3,000	\$1,005	\$3,000
ACO- summons, court, enforce (\$14/hr)	\$2,100	\$1,005	\$2,100
Total Salaries	\$98,905	\$82,853	\$97,873

**hourly wage, not to exceed budgeted amount*

*** no taxation required, appropriation only*

Board of Selectmen Recommends Approval 3-0

Budget Committee Recommends Approval 5-0

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$40,000 for the Rome Fire Department.

	Proposed 2018	Spent FY 2017	Budget 2017
Building Maintenance	\$8,000	\$10,942	\$7,000
Equipment Maintenance	\$3,500	\$2,969	\$3,500
New Equipment	\$6,500	\$9,001	\$8,000
Labor (\$11/hr)	\$12,000	\$11,035	\$12,000
Training	\$600	\$541	\$600
Truck Maintenance	\$3,600	\$3,347	\$3,600
Tower Fee	\$300	\$300	\$300
State of Maine compliance	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$1,300
Medical	\$200	\$0	\$200
Personnel	\$0	\$62	\$0
Grant	\$0	\$2,578	\$1,800
Total	\$40,000	\$42,075	\$38,300

Board of Selectmen Recommends Approval 3-0
Budget Committee Recommends Approval 5-0

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$8,750 for the Rome Rescue Department.

	Proposed 2018	Spent FY 2017	Budget 2017
Equipment Maintenance	\$500	\$198	\$1,500
New Equipment	\$1,600	\$1,776	\$1,600
Labor (\$11/hr)	\$3,800	\$3,310	\$4,500
Training & Education	\$1,000	\$0	\$2,000
Truck Maintenance	\$1,500	\$341	\$2,000
Licenses and Fees	\$350	\$150	\$350
Total	\$8,750	\$5,776	\$11,950

Board of Selectmen Recommends Approval 3-0
Budget Committee Recommends Approval 5-0

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for purchase and installation of an on-demand generator for the Westside Fire Station (Mercer Road), to be put out to bid by the Board of Selectmen.

Board of Selectmen Recommends Approval 3-0
Budget Committee Recommends Approval 5-0

- Article 40.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$200 for the Town's Emergency Management Agency. FY 2017 Spent \$0
Board of Selectmen Recommends Approval 3-0
Budget Committee Recommends Approval 5-0
- Article 41.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$11,000 for regional emergency dispatching services. FY 2017 Spent \$10,410
Board of Selectmen Recommends Approval 3-0
Budget Committee Recommends Approval 5-0
- Article 42.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$500 for donation to Spectrum Generations on the condition that the funds be used to serve Rome residents. FY 2017 Spent \$638
Board of Selectmen Recommends Approval 3-0
Budget Committee Recommends Approval 4-1
- Article 43.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,500 for donation to Belgrade/Rome Special Needs Food Pantry. FY 2017 Spent \$2,000
Board of Selectmen Recommends Approval 3-0
Budget Committee Recommends Approval 5-0
- Article 44.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$12,000 for donation to the Belgrade Lakes Association to mitigate milfoil in Great Meadow Stream, Great Pond, and Long Pond. FY 2017 Spent \$12,000
Board of Selectmen Recommends Approval 2 in favor, 1 abstention
Budget Committee Recommends Approval 5-0
- Article 45.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$4,000 for Rome's proportionate share of Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance's (BRCA) Youth Conservation Corps program to protect and preserve the seven Belgrade Lakes. FY 2017 Spent \$3,600
Board of Selectmen Recommends Approval 3-0
Budget Committee Recommends Approval 5-0
- Article 46.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000 for donation to North Pond Association for courtesy boat inspection. FY 2017 Spent \$1,000
Board of Selectmen Recommends Approval 3-0
Budget Committee Recommends Approval 5-0
- Article 47.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$75,000 from unassigned fund balance (surplus) to offset the 2018 tax commitment.
Board of Selectmen Recommends Approval 3-0
Budget Committee Recommends Approval 5-0

- Article 48.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to carry over, and assign fund balance accordingly, to the 2018 fiscal year any appropriated but unexpended funds at 2017 fiscal year end, provided that the funds are used for the same purpose as originally appropriated.

Global Towers	\$74.00
Dog Account	\$2,166.17
Campership Fund	\$614.39
Contingency	\$7,138.02
Recreation Comm	\$1,119.11
Transfer Station CD	\$139,835.76
Rescue Donations	\$1,650.00
FD Donations	\$2,690.14
FD Enterprise	\$6,490.03
Total	\$161,777.62

Board of Selectmen Recommends Approval 3-0
Budget Committee Recommends Approval 5-0

- Article 49.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$24,790.78 to cover the following FY 2017 overdrafts:

Roads & Bridges	\$10,788.06
Fire- Building Maintenance	\$3,942.15
Solid Waste Disposal	\$3,799.36
Sand Shed Maintenance	\$2,343.08
General Assistance	\$1,436.02
Fire- New Equipment	\$1,001.91
Fire- Grant	\$777.66
Town Report	\$407.00
Rescue- New Equipment	\$176.14
Fire- Personnel	\$62.00
Overlay	\$57.40
Total	\$24,790.78

Board of Selectmen Recommends Approval 3-0
Budget Committee Recommends Approval 4-1

- Article 50.** To see if the Town will vote to set the due date for 2018 property taxes as October 31, 2018 and to charge interest at the rate of 8% per annum on taxes unpaid as of November 1, 2018.

Board of Selectmen Recommends Approval 3-0
Budget Committee Recommends Approval 5-0

- Article 51.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to discount tax bills 3% if paid in full 30 days from tax billing date; the discount is to be paid from overlay funds.
Board of Selectmen Recommends Approval 3-0
Budget Committee Recommends Approval 5-0
- Article 52.** To see if the Town vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at 4% for the period of assessment and to authorize such interest paid or abatements granted to be appropriated from overlay funds or, if necessary, from unassigned fund balance (surplus).
Board of Selectmen Recommends Approval 3-0
Budget Committee Recommends Approval 5-0
- Article 53.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to dispose of any property acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes, and to execute quitclaim deeds or bills of sale, as the case may be, subject to the following: Before putting the foreclosed property up for sale, the Tax Collector may offer the property to the previous owners for payment of all back taxes, fees, and interest; if they decline, the property will be advertised for sale and sold by sealed bid; the Board of Selectmen shall have the right to accept or reject any and all bids; and the sale of the property shall be advertised in three conspicuous places (Community Center, Eastside Fire Station, Mt. Phillip Grange) within the Town and a local daily newspaper (Morning Sentinel) for three consecutive days at least two weeks prior to the sale.
Board of Selectmen Recommends Approval 3-0
Budget Committee Recommends Approval 5-0
- Article 54.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to waive the foreclosure of tax lien mortgages pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 944 upon finding by the Board of Selectmen that the ownership of the property is subject to the tax lien mortgage would be contrary to the Town's interests.
Board of Selectmen Recommends Approval 3-0
Budget Committee Recommends Approval 5-0
- Article 55.** To see if the Town will vote to apply all franchise fees, tree growth reimbursements, and veteran tax exemptions to the contingency fund and to appropriate the same for unexpected expenses and/or to cover overdrafts.
Board of Selectmen Recommends Approval 3-0
Budget Committee Recommends Approval 5-0
- Article 56.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell by bid or auction, or on such terms and conditions as deemed in the best interest of the Town, such equipment, vehicles, or furniture as are no longer necessary for Town operations, as determined by the Board of Selectmen.
Board of Selectmen Recommends Approval 3-0
Budget Committee Recommends Approval 5-0

- Article 57.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept or reject any conditional gifts/grants of money, or personal property, to the Town and to appropriate and expend funds for the purpose for which the gift/grant was made, in accordance with any conditions imposed by the donor.
Board of Selectmen Recommends Approval 3-0
Budget Committee Recommends Approval 5-0
- Article 58.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all of the money received from the State for snowmobile registrations to the Rome Ruff Riders for the maintenance of their network of snowmobile trails, on condition that those trails be open in snow season to the public for outdoor recreation purposes at no charge, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement with the Club, under such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen may deem advisable, for that purpose.
Board of Selectmen Recommends Approval 3-0
Budget Committee Recommends Approval 5-0
- Article 59.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$1,000 for donation to the Rome snowmobile club, Rome Ruff Riders.
Board of Selectmen Recommends Approval 3-0
Budget Committee Recommends Against Approval 3-2
- Article 60.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all of the money received from the State Park Fee Sharing Program for such purposes as deemed appropriate by the Rome Recreation Committee.
Board of Selectmen Recommends Approval 3-0
Budget Committee Recommends Approval 5-0
- Article 61.** To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit established for the Town of Rome by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under these warrant articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than the property tax levy limit. Note: This vote must be taken by written ballot.
Board of Selectmen Recommends Approval 3-0
Budget Committee Recommends Approval 5-0
- Article 62.** To see if the Town will vote to elect from the floor 5 members to serve on the Budget Committee to review all items to be inserted into the Town Warrant requiring the appropriation of monies and their recommendations noted. The terms of Barbara Holt (three-year full member), Peter Serrada (three-year full member), Sandra Phillips (one-year full member), Hillary Schultz (one-year alternate), and Pierrette Kelly (one-year alternate) expire.
- Article 63.** To see if the Town will vote to elect from the floor three member to serve on the Recreation Committee. The terms of Tammy Lyons (two-year term), Cheryl Hasenfus (two-year term), and Andy Cook (one-year term) expires.

Dated at Rome, Maine this fifth day of February, 2018.

Richard A. LaBelle
Lois M. Stratton
Malcolm S. Charles
Rome Board of Selectmen

A True Attest Copy

Abby L. DiPietro
Town Clerk



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Board of Selectmen

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Meetings every other Monday at 6:00PM

Town Clerk

rometownclerk@outlook.com

Monday, Tuesday 12:00 – 6:00PM

Thursday 12:00 – 7:00PM

1st & 3rd Saturday 9:00 – 11:30AM

Excise Tax Collector

(Motor Vehicle Registration)

romeexcise@outlook.com

<https://www1.maine.gov/online/bmv/rapid-renewal/>

Monday, Tuesday 12:00 – 6:00PM

Thursday 12:00 – 7:00PM

1st & 3rd Saturday 9:00 – 11:30AM

Treasurer & Tax Collector

397-5072

rometct@outlook.com

Monday 6:00 – 8:00PM

Tuesday, Thursday 9:00AM – 1:00 PM

Code Enforcement Officer

397-3293

townofromeceo@gmail.com

Monday 3:00 – 1:00PM

Wednesday 9:00AM – 1:00PM

Last Saturday of month 9:00 – 11:30AM

Town Assessing Agent

To reach the assessing agent, please contact the Office of the Tax Collector. The assessing agent is scheduled in-office the second Tuesday of each month

Planning Board

Meeting at Town Office the 2nd Monday of each month, agenda permitting

Board of Appeals and Fair Hearing Authority

Meeting at Town Office, as needed

Waste Management/Transfer Station

(Airport Rd., Norridgewock)

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday Closed

Wednesday-Friday 9:30AM – 6:00PM

Saturday 7:30AM – 4:00PM

Belgrade Transfer Station

(92 Dunn Rd., Belgrade)

www.townofbelgrade.com/transfer-station

Wednesday 11:00AM – 7:00PM

Thursday* 12:00 – 5:00PM

Saturday 7:00AM – 3:00PM

**Memorial Day to Columbus Day*

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